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**ALBIN JOSEPH CARLSON**—Without doubt one of the most successful of the younger business men of Jamestown, Chautauqua county, N. Y., was Albin Joseph Carlson, late of this city, whose premature death, Aug. 14, 1918, at the age of thirty-eight, removed from the community a powerful factor in its material development, and abruptly ended a career which held out the most brilliant promises for the future.

Mr. Carlson was a native of Sweden, born at Stockholm, April 29, 1880, and it was in his native city that his childhood and early life were passed. He attended the local schools of Stockholm, and continued his studies there until he had reached his twentieth year. Shortly afterwards his interest having been greatly awakened in the opportunities offered by America for the young man of enterprise, he came to this country, and directly upon landing came to Jamestown, where he quickly found employment with the Peterson Crest Tool Company, his alert mind and willingness to work hard recommending him to those who came in contact with him. In the establishment of that concern he learned not only the trade of tool making but general business methods, and proved himself so apt a pupil that he was rapidly advanced to positions of responsibility. Mr. Carlson remained for eight years with the Peterson concern and then, having in the meantime saved a considerable portion of his earnings, found himself in a position to carry out an ambition long cherished by him, that of embarking in a business upon his own account. Accordingly he severed his connection with his old employers and formed a partnership with Mr. J. P. Danielson under the firm name of J. P. Danielson & Company, and a successful tool making business was founded. This business was carried on with a very high degree of success with Mr. Carlson a very active partner up to the time of his death in 1918, his energy, industry and business talent contributing in no small degree to its prosperity and development. Mr. Carlson was always keenly interested in the welfare of his adopted community, although up to the close of his life his business interests had prevented him from taking the part in public affairs for which his abilities so eminently fitted him.

Albin Joseph Carlson was united in marriage, Feb. 8, 1902, at Jamestown, with Hanna Gustafson, like himself a native of Sweden, daughter of Gustave Gustafson, of that country. One child was born of this union, Remhold Albin Carlson, Sept. 29, 1906. Since the death of Mr. Carlson, his widow has retained her interest in the firm of J. P. Danielson & Company, and in the management of her concerns has proven herself a fine business woman.

**ELMORE M. KENT**, one of the most successful and progressive farmers of Westfield, Chautauqua county, N. Y., where he has been actively engaged in that pursuit for many years, is a member of an exceedingly old New England family, being of the ninth generation from the founder of the house in America. He is a son of Lucian H. and Mary Fay (McEwen) Kent, and a grandson of Moses and Jerusha Kent, natives of Vermont. Moses Kent, his wife and two sons removed from that State to St. Lawrence county, N. Y., in the year 1822, the journey being made by the only possible

means of conveyance in those days, by ox-team, and in the middle of the severe winter, through what was then a practically unbroken wilderness. They travelled along what was known as the Port Kent road and finally reached their destination successfully.

Lucian H. Kent, upon reaching his majority, saw fit to make up for his early lack of education and attended an academy at Pottsdam, N. Y. Later he removed to French Creek township, Chautauqua county, where he became the possessor of a fine farm of 300 acres, situated about half way between Clymer and Marvin Post Office. In 1862, however, he removed to Westfield, where he also had a farm, and there passed the remainder of his life. He was a man of unusual character and mental endowments, and possessed unusually scholarly tastes. During practically his entire life he was a close student of the best literature, and read extensively all scientific and philosophical subjects. He was also a keen lover of nature, and indeed this largely accounted for the fact that he chose agricultural pursuits for his life's work. "The surroundings appealed to his poetic nature and served largely as the inspiration for his modest volume of poems 'Sunshine' and 'Storm', the title to which he chose as appropriate to the coloring it had received from his occupation." An example of this volume deserves to be quoted here:

I love to live because the skies  
In beauty from above  
Shed down their light from Paradise,  
In forms of mildest love.

I love to live where truth's bright beams  
Can reach the awful shade,  
That wilful falsehood here can form  
In light which God has made.

Mr. Kent possessed an extraordinary physical constitution and was never confined to his bed by sickness a single day during his entire life. He lived in a period in which he had seen most of the great social and political issues which this country has had to face in the formative period of its development decided, and his keen intellect kept him constantly interested in each new problem as it arose. Lucian H. Kent married, June 9, 1849, Mary Fay McEwen, the oldest daughter of Deacon George McEwen, of Lawrence, N. Y. Their married life was an unusually happy and harmonious one, and they celebrated their golden wedding, June 9, 1899, at the old family home in Westfield, with all the living members of their family present. Mr. Kent's death occurred March 9, 1900, and that of Mrs. Kent, Nov. 17, 1903. They were the parents of six sons and one daughter, as follows: 1. Elmore M., mentioned at length below. 2. Herman L., born Jan. 31, 1854, at Hopkinton, St. Lawrence county, N. Y., formerly engaged successfully in the manufacture of paper at Westfield as the head of the firm of Herman L. Kent & Company; he is now engaged in farming and fruit growing. 3. Henry B., a graduate of Western Reserve University, and author of "Graphic Sketches of the West;" was born Oct. 21, 1855, and died while traveling at Canon City, Colo., June 25, 1890. 4. Elwin R., born Nov. 11, 1858; for some time private secretary to Hon. Daniel G. Rollins, surrogate in the city and county of New York, and died at Westfield, Nov. 14, 1890. 5. George S., one of the first graduates of and for a time a teacher in the Westfield Academy and Union School. 6. Alice C., who resides at Westfield, and is identified with grape culture in this region. 7. Vernon A., born Jan. 17, 1866; a prom-

inent figure in the agricultural activities of this region; he was postmaster at Westfield for twelve years.

Elmore M. Kent, son of Lucian H. and Mary Fay (McEwen) Kent, was born June 7, 1850, at Hopkinton, St. Lawrence county, N. Y. The first seven years of his life were passed at that place, and he was then brought by his parents to Chautauqua county and has since that time made the town of Westfield his home, with the exception of five years, when he resided in French Creek township. As a lad he attended the public schools of Westfield and the Westfield Academy, and upon completing his studies became a teacher in the public schools. He was also employed for a short time on the staff of the Westfield "Republican," and later went to New York City, where he worked on the staff of the New York "Daily Standard," which was published at No. 34 Park Row, by John Russell Young. He then went to Burlington, Vt., where he became associated with Mr. C. C. Post, who was a manufacturer of sugar maker's supplies on a large scale. On the death of Mr. Post, Mr. Kent was appointed administrator of his large estate. In 1881 he returned to Westfield, where he formed an association with his brother, Herman L. Kent, and purchased and rebuilt the Westfield Paper Mills, which they operated under the firm name of Herman L. Kent & Company. Mr. Kent resides at South Portage street. In addition to his paper business, Mr. Kent is the owner of several large farming properties, and at the present time devotes most of his time to taking care of these and other interests. He is a member of the Westfield Business Men's Association, and is a staunch Republican, though he has never cared for public office or political preferment of any kind. Although not a member of any church, Mr. Kent attends the Westfield Presbyterian Church and is a trustee thereof, having taken a very active part in the affairs of the congregation. One of the enterprises which Mr. Kent has conducted for the benefit of the community is that known as Kent's Glen, where he spends a considerable portion of each summer and where he maintains an excellent swimming place for boys, as well as walks, drives, picnic and pleasure grounds. He has also made many improvements on the natural park situated on his lands at Buttermilk Falls, which he also maintains for the benefit of the public.

Elmore M. Kent was united in marriage, June 20, 1889, with Edna M. Chittenden, daughter of Varick A. Chittenden, of Hopkinton, N. Y., where her birth occurred July 12, 1866. Mrs. Kent was educated at the Andover Female Seminary at Andover, Mass., and died June 26, 1897.

The Westfield Paper Mills, which have so many years been prominent in the industrial development of the community, was founded shortly after the Civil War, in 1865, by Allen Wright, who returned to Westfield after having amassed a considerable fortune in the oil business. Mr. Wright formed a stock company and purchased the old "Cottage Grist Mill" which he rebuilt and fitted for the manufacture of paper. For a time the concern was engaged in the manufacture of white printing paper. At that time the market for this kind of paper was comparatively small in this region, and the mill was idle for a part of each year. The price of white paper at that time ranged from 15 to 20 cents per pound, however, and the sale of a comparatively small amount of it constituted a good business. About 1867, or 1868, Mr.

Wright, foreseeing the great demand there would be for grape baskets in this region of large vineyards, and being of an inventive and mechanical turn of mind, conceived the idea of making a grape box from paste board. Meeting with success in this invention, the output of the mill was changed from white paper to strawboard and special machines were invented by Mr. Wright for the cutting of this product into shape for the round paper grape boxes which were made mostly in sizes to contain five and ten pounds of grapes. These grape boxes were manufactured during that part of the year which preceded the grape harvest and were very attractive, having a colored label with a cut or stem of grapes on the covers and the pasteboard covered with a light sheet of fancy paper resembling cloth finish and in a variety of designs. This new enterprise met with considerable success for a time, but the introduction of wood grape baskets eventually drove them from the market and the mill remained idle until about 1870. In that year a brother of Allen Wright, Mr. Reuben G. Wright, who had also gained a fortune in the oil business, came to Westfield, and in company with E. P. Whitney purchased the plant, a new partnership being formed under the name of R. G. Wright & Company. The mill was once more rebuilt and new machinery was installed for the manufacture of white straw printing paper, the first to be made in the State, and almost a new product in the country. This quality of paper was of a snow white color and was made of cheap straw, but once more the promoters of the industry failed to realize their expectations as the paper proved too brittle and did not give satisfaction to the printers who used it. The business was continued by R. G. Wright & Company from 1870 until the autumn of 1877, however, but during that time the price of paper gradually fell, and with the entrance upon the market of the new fibre wood pulp the demand for it was discontinued. Accordingly, the mill was sold out to a Mr. E. A. C. Pew, of Canada, and afterwards passed into the hand of Bradford I. Taylor, who in 1878 leased it to Herman L. Kent. In 1880 the latter, in association with his brother, Elmore M. Kent, purchased the property and once more the mills were equipped with new machinery and used for the manufacture of "Kent's Economy Sugar Bags." The paper for these bags was stripped during the process of making and was of unusually heavy stock, being sold by the pound instead of by the thousand as in the case of the light manilla bags. They were indeed the first of their kind to be manufactured in the country, and in addition to them the mill also turned out a large quantity of wrapping paper. In 1895 the mills were sold to Smith Brothers, a firm which continued to run them about two years when they were destroyed by fire. The firm of Herman L. Kent & Company was dissolved after the sale of these mills, but the paper business was continued in the brick block built by Mr. Kent in Westfield, his paper warehouses being located in the business district of the town on North Portage street. In the year 1899 another paper warehouse was built, connected with the first warehouse and giving a storage capacity in both buildings for over 200 tons of paper goods. These buildings were afterward remodeled and converted into the "Portage Inn" by John Jones. Elmore M. Kent was for many years president of the Chautauqua and Erie Grape Company.





MR. AND MRS. E. A. BAGG AND DAUGHTER  
CONEWANGO VALLEY, N. Y.



**GARNET M. HUNTER, M. D.**—Instant and cordial recognition will be accorded to the appearance of this name not only by Dr. Hunter's fellow-citizens of Westfield, but by very many of the residents of Chautauqua county. Dr. Hunter is quietly but helpfully identified with the most essential interests of his home town, and is regarded as one of her most valued citizens.

Garnet M. Hunter was born April 18, 1876, in Toronto, Canada, and is a son of Samuel James and Charlotte (Ruston) Hunter. Mr. Hunter, who was of English descent, and filled the position of a clerk, is now deceased, but is survived by his widow. Garnet M. Hunter was educated in public and high schools of his native city, graduating from the high school in 1893. He then entered the medical department of the University of Toronto, receiving in 1898 the degree of Doctor of Medicine. For about one year thereafter he served as interne in the Toronto General Hospital, and then went to New York City where he took a post-graduate course.

In 1900 Dr. Hunter began practice in New York City, and at the end of two years removed to Sag Harbor, Long Island, N. Y., where he remained until 1907, when he came to Westfield. Here he established his own hospital, maintaining it for four years, and in 1911 entered upon a course of general practice. His clientele is now large and constantly increasing. He takes a special interest in the study of chronic diseases and their treatment by means of water, light, and electricity, and is now the house physician to the Rumsey Inn and Mineral Bath Corporation of Westfield.

In all matters pertaining to his profession he keeps fully abreast of the times. His choice of a medical career was wholly voluntary, his desire being sufficiently strong to lead him to assist in defraying the expenses of his professional education. In politics Dr. Hunter is an independent voter. He holds membership in the American Medical Association, the New York State Medical Society, and the Chautauqua County Medical Society. He affiliates with the Masonic fraternity, the Royal Arcanum, and the Loyal Order of Moose. He attends the Presbyterian church.

Dr. Hunter married, Oct. 9, 1901, Florence M., daughter of William and Jane (Thomas) Rea, of Ottawa, Canada. They are the parents of one child: Garnet Rea, born Oct. 7, 1905, now attending the Westfield High School. Like her husband Mrs. Hunter is of English descent.

Devoted as he is to his profession, Dr. Hunter is undoubtedly a man to inspire in the physicians and students brought within the circle of his influence increased enthusiasm for medical science.

**EDWIN ALLEN BAGG**, who for thirty-two years has been the owner and operator of a substantial business at Conewango Valley, Chautauqua county, N. Y., namely, the hardware store conducted under his own name at that place, and the Daisy Buckwheat Flour and Feed Mills, at Conewango Valley, has by a successful business life, and a private life marked by honorable purpose and action, become esteemed by his neighbors, and become a man in whom the residents in general have confidence. This is evidenced by the position he holds in the administration of the leading financial institution of the district; he has been president of Conewango Valley National Bank since its organization, January, 1917, and has in

great measure aided in building that institution to its present condition of stability and prosperity.

Edwin Allen Bagg was born in Ellington, N. Y., Oct. 29, 1863, the son of Allen and Allison Lee (Boyd) Bagg, of that place. His father, Allen Bagg, was a farmer in that vicinity, who by consistently and intelligently applying himself to the tilling of his property became a man of some means, and much respected as a man and a churchman. As a boy, Edwin A. attended the district school of his native place and eventually became a student at the Ellington High School, and in due time became a graduate thereof. He has spent practically his whole business life in Conewango Valley, and is probably one of the most widely-known men of that district. For thirty-two years he has been in independent business as a hardware merchant, and most of the people of the neighborhood have had dealings with him, in some branch of hardware, or in his other business capacity, as the owner and operator of the Daisy Buckwheat Flour and Feed Mills, at Conewango Valley. And the record of those dealings must have been good, in point of honor, as well as financial return, otherwise he would not have been elected to the office of president of the national bank of that place, an administrative office which demands of its occupier not only an amply demonstrated capability as a man of business but a record of undeniable moral integrity, in other words, such a position of honor and responsibility calls for a man in whom the stockholders and depositors might have implicit confidence that their holdings and deposits would be safely and shrewdly handled.

Primarily, Mr. Bagg has gained substantial success in life by early recognizing that a trading value must be given as well as demanded, if the trading is to bring further transactions. Throughout his business life, he has pursued consistently that principle—of giving value for value. Of course, success would not come by that alone; one of the fundamentals of success in the staples of commerce is industry; without industrious effort, properly and enterprisingly applied, expansion of business is not probable; and Mr. Bagg for more than thirty years has consistently applied himself with commendable assiduity to his business interests, and has always sought to keep his business up-to-date. He has also given unselfishly of his time and substance to further many local causes, manifesting a sincere community interest, both in regard to social and church functions. He has been a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Conewango Valley for many years, earnest in his attendance thereat, and substantial in his support thereof.

On June 24, 1908, at Rockland, Pa., he married Cora Mabel, daughter of Peter Lovell and Eleanor (Burns) Pryor, of that place. They have one child, Alice Eleanor, born on Oct. 24, 1910.

Mr. Bagg has not taken much part in political movements, that is, in those that had no direct bearing upon local affairs, and he has never sought political office. Fraternally, he is an Odd Fellow, and has been somewhat prominent in the dispositions and functions of the local body of that order. Generally, Mr. Bagg has been a worthy, useful citizen, ready at any time to give assistance to neighbors needing such aid, and to further in any way possible any local project that he considered might tend to enhance the well-being of some phase of community life.

**CHARLES J. BELLINGER**—Prominent among the citizens of Silver Creek, N. Y., is Charles J. Bellinger, owner and editor of the Silver Creek "News," who has since the inception of his business career been identified with newspaper work.

Charles J. Bellinger was born in the town of Ava, Oneida county, N. Y., Aug. 27, 1856, the son of David and Mary (Warrath) Bellinger. He received his education in the schools of his native place, taught school for a short time, and then became associated with the local department of the Rome "Daily Sentinel." Subsequently going to Watertown, N. Y., he became local or city editor of the Watertown "Daily Times," continuing in newspaper work in that city for twenty-five years. In 1908 failing health compelled retirement from daily journalism and he came to Chautauqua county and bought the "Ripley Review," which he edited for four years, selling it in 1912. In 1914 he bought the Silver Creek "News" and has since been associated with this particular paper.

Mr. Bellinger is a man who has stood throughout his journalistic career for all that makes for the betterment of home life and of civic welfare, and the journals which he has edited have been known as upholders of strict moral principles and high ideals in public and private life.

**WILLIAM ELIAL SKINNER**, who for a number of years has been a conspicuous figure in the agricultural life of Portland township, Chautauqua county, N. Y., is a member of one of the old distinguished families of this region which was founded here early in the nineteenth century. The first of the family to settle in Chautauqua county was David Skinner, son of Daniel and Harriet Skinner, of Chenango county, N. Y., and grandfather of the present Mr. Skinner. He was born in the town of Norwich, Chenango county, Aug. 12, 1803, and, with his brother Alfred, came to Portland township in the month of October, 1810, when he was but sixteen years of age. He purchased a fruit farm which he sold in 1824 in order to buy a larger property, the claim of Joel Smith. This he sold to Samuel Hull in 1835 and three years later bought a valuable farm of Almon Taylor, of which he continued the owner and which has remained in the possession of the family ever since, part of it belonging to the Mr. Skinner of this sketch. David Skinner was a man of the true old pioneer type, possessed of tremendous energy and endurance, as may be gathered from the fact that, unaided, he cut down the trees and cleared the land of about 500 acres of the great virgin forest which at that period covered practically the whole of the district. Indeed he was regarded by his fellow pioneers as the most expert woodsman and axeman in the region. He was a prominent figure in the life of the community during his day, and was a staunch Democrat in politics. He married (first) on Christmas Day, 1825, Betsey Hill, a daughter of Lewis Hill, who was born Aug. 14, 1803, and died Dec. 22, 1836. He married (second) Oct. 9, 1837, Mary Williams, daughter of Elial Williams, of Portland. By his first wife he had the following children: Joseph, born March 13, 1827, married Antoinette Morley, and removed to Michigan; Homer, born June 6, 1829, and married Martha Fuller; Lester, born May 12, 1831; Roxy Ann, born Feb. 12, 1833, and became the wife of Mortimer Francis; Franklin,

born April 16, 1835, and married Catherine O'Neil. By his second wife three children were born to David Skinner, as follows: Elial William, father of William Elial Skinner, of whom further; George W., born Sept. 30, 1840, who married Susan Jane Taylor; Mary Jane, born May 2, 1842, who became the wife of John Gordon.

Elial William Skinner was born Sept. 30, 1838, and was a grape cultivator on a large scale. He served in Company E, 154th Regiment, New York Volunteers, for three years during the Civil War, and was captured at Gettysburg and held a prisoner at Andersonville for eighteen months. He was a Democrat in politics, and a prominent Mason. His death occurred June 30, 1911. Elial William Skinner married, Feb. 9, 1870, Betsey Haight, born March 1, 1840, at Smithville Flats, Chenango county, N. Y., died March 29, 1913, a daughter of Luke and Polly Haight, and they were the parents of two children: 1. Lillian A., who resides at Portland, N. Y., where she operates a farm; she was prominent in war work during the World War, especially in connection with the various government campaigns for money, and the Red Cross; also an active member of the Methodist church and the Women's Relief Corps, president of the Ladies' Club, and a member of the Eastern Star Society. 2. William Elial, of whom further.

William Elial Skinner, son of Elial William and Betsey (Haight) Skinner, was born in Portland township, Dec. 31, 1876, and received his education in the public schools of Westfield, attending the high school there. After completing his studies at the latter institution, he worked for a time on the building of the highway and later engaged in the manufacture of baskets, which he sold to the local grape growers to contain their crops. He continued in this line for about five years and then became associated with his father in the latter's agricultural operations. The firm of E. W. Skinner & Son was formed and operated a splendid farm, formerly the old Taylor estate, of about 300 acres, which had been inherited by the elder man. A portion of this property was later sold, but still later an additional 150 acres were secured and devoted to fruit culture and dairying. At the death of Mr. Skinner, Sr., the property was divided between his two children and at present Mr. Skinner has 80 acres of his share given over to cultivation of the vine and other fruits. Owing to his knowledge of the subject, and the manner in which he has kept his land highly cultivated, Mr. Skinner has met with great success as a grape grower, the product of his farm being of the best type, and he has shipped his grapes to many parts of the country for about fifteen years. Mr. Skinner, besides being an expert farmer and fruit grower, is a gifted musician. He is a delightful performer on the violin and an accomplished conductor, and has organized an orchestra from the native talent, with which he has toured the country and given many successful concerts. In politics Mr. Skinner is an ardent supporter of Democratic principles, as have been his forebears for many years, and has taken an active part in local public affairs. He has held the office of committeeman for the Second Election District for a number of years and is a force to be reckoned with in the politics of the county. He is a member of the Methodist church and a prominent Free Mason, having attained to the thirty-second degree of that order, and being affiliated with Lake Shore Lodge, No.





Harry James





Kate S. James



851, Free and Accepted Masons. He is also a member of the Farm Bureau.

William Elial Skinner married (first) Sept. 16, 1907, Bessie Scott, of Portland, a daughter of John Franklin and Cora (Phillips) Scott. Her death occurred June 14, 1918, and on July 30, 1919, Mr. Skinner married (second) Viola Beatrice Fuller, of Portland, a daughter of George W. and M. Berdena (Fay) Fuller, old and highly respected residents of that place.

**HARRY JAMES**—In the year 1847 John W. James came from England to the United States and located in the city of Philadelphia, Pa., where the ensuing years of his life were spent. There his son, Harry James, now one of the honored retired citizens of Dunkirk, N. Y., was born. For more than a quarter of a century, 1894-1920, Mr. James has been a resident of Dunkirk and so established himself in public regard that he has been called to many positions of honor and trust, including the highest civic honor that could be conferred, that of mayor. In every position to which he has been called by his fellow-citizens, Mr. James has displayed a breadth of vision and a keen public spirit which has in all cases made for the benefit of his city, and his place in public regard is one of honor and esteem. John W. James conducted a livery, sale and exchange business in Philadelphia, and there died. His wife, Harriet (Hayes) James, born in England, died in Irvington, N. J. They were the parents of four children, Clara (Mrs. Keitch) of Irvington, N. J., and Harry, of Dunkirk, the only survivors.

Harry James, second child of John W. and Harriet (Hayes) James, was born in Philadelphia, Pa., March 5, 1853, and there attended public school until sixteen years of age. He then entered the William Butcher steel plant at Nicetown, Pa., near Philadelphia, going thence to the Baldwin Locomotive Works in Philadelphia, where he remained until another move took him to Scranton, Pa., where he was engaged with the Scranton Locomotive builders. After leaving Scranton he spent six and one half years with the Cook Locomotive Works in Paterson, N. J., going thence to the Richmond Locomotive Works, Richmond, Va., where he remained until 1894. Those years of experience in locomotive works had given him an intimate knowledge of the locomotive construction, and in 1894, when he located in Dunkirk, N. Y., he was quickly employed by the Brooks Locomotive Works as superintendent of their steam hammer department. He continued in that position for eight and one-half years, then in 1903 he resigned and has since taken no active part in business affairs, but has devoted much time to the public service. When the Atlas Crucible Steel Company of Dunkirk was organized by Edward Burgess, Mr. James was one of the first to avail himself of the privilege of purchasing stock, having strong faith in the future of that now most important industry. This well illustrates his keen foresight and business vision and his willingness to aid in any enterprise that promises to benefit his city.

He has otherwise evidenced his public spirit and holds rank with the progressive men of Dunkirk. He represented Ward 4 in City Council for two years, and for a like period was a representative from Ward 3. In

1909 he was elected mayor of Dunkirk and gave the city an excellent administration. For two years he served on the Board of Water Commissioners, and was president of the board for one year. He also served the city as police and fire commissioner; was chairman of the Board of Assessors for two years, then resigned, and is now living a quiet, retired life, although deeply interested in public affairs. He is a Republican in political faith. Mr. James is a member of Irondequoit Lodge, No. 301, Free and Accepted Masons; Dunkirk Chapter, No. 191, Royal Arch Masons; Dunkirk Council, No. 25, Royal and Select Masters; Dunkirk Commandery, No. 42, Knights Templar; Ismailia Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; a member of the Masonic Club and its chairman.

Mr. James married, June 27, 1876, Kate S. Stuart, of Philadelphia, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. James are attendants of the Methodist Episcopal church.

**CHARLES HENRY ZENNS**—Fourteen years town clerk and seven times elected by acclamation. This is the record of the man whose name heads this article and it is, to say the least, improbable that it can be matched by few public officials either in Chautauqua county or elsewhere. Mr. Zenns is still town clerk of Mayville, and has filled with credit other local offices of trust and responsibility.

Joseph Zenns, grandfather of Charles Henry Zenns, was overseer of the town of Mayville.

Xavier Joseph Zenns, son of Joseph Zenns, was of Mayville and filled the position of hotel clerk. He took an active part in community affairs, serving as town constable. His wife was Mary Elizabeth, daughter of Lombard and Elizabeth (Hepple) Dornbarger, and they were the parents of the following children: Charles Henry, mentioned below; Joseph W., of Mayville. Mr. Zenns is now deceased.

Charles Henry Zenns, son of Xavier Joseph and Mary Elizabeth (Dornbarger) Zenns, was born May 3, 1881, at Mayville, and attended the grammar and high schools of his native town, graduating from the high school in 1899. Prior to this he had been occasionally employed, but he now began work in earnest, obtaining a position as clerk in a store. In 1900 he established himself as a barber, a business which he still conducts, being the oldest representative of that calling, in point of service, that Mayville can boast. Always active in support of Republican principles, Mr. Zenns has been energetic in the public service. His remarkable record as town clerk has already been mentioned, and his next reelection will retain him in office until Dec. 31, 1921. For two years he served on the Village Board, and he has also held the office of assistant fire marshal. He affiliates with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, serving as recording secretary, and his religious membership is in the Protestant Episcopal church.

Mr. Zenns married, Nov. 24, 1903, in the Protestant Episcopal church of Mayville, Helen, daughter of Solomon and Laura (Case) Tallman, and they are the parents of two children: William Tallman, born Sept. 2, 1904, now attending school; and Paul Donald, born Aug. 9, 1907.

In twenty years Mr. Zenns has had but two months

vacation. He is the son and grandson of men who filled satisfactorily important community offices, and his own record more than maintains the high reputation of the family for honorable public service.

**AARON HEYWOOD LEACH**, representative of one of the oldest families of the Ellington section of Chautauqua county, has reached venerable age, and has long since reached a more than sufficient material competence, and a general respect in the community and county such as only a man of commendable and honorable life could gain. Mr. Leach still lives upon the farm in Ellington upon which he was born, eighty-seven years ago and can tell much that is interesting regarding early conditions of living in that section of the county. His father was Joseph Leach, a carpenter and farmer, well known in his day in Chautauqua county; his grandfather, Jacob Leach, was one of the pioneers.

Aaron H. Leach was born Oct. 1, 1832, and after passing through the graded school of the district he took up the occupation of farming upon his father's farm, and also did much work with his father as a carpenter. Mainly, however, his life has been passed in farming, to which he has given honest labor, for which he has received honest return. He has never expected to receive more than value for value, for he well knew that nothing could be stable upon any other condition. In farming, particularly, satisfactory return from the soil first demands adequate labor upon the soil; and so it follows that success in farming is a true indication of the industry of that farmer. Mr. Leach long since reached the point where he had accumulated means more than sufficient for his needs, and that accumulation came from his own hard but well directed labor.

He has been a Republican for many years, and had he wished it he could, upon many occasions, have been elected to public office, for his standing in the community has always been good, and his friends are widely spread and many. But apart from intelligently and independently exercising his voting privilege, he has not taken much part in national politics. In local matters, however, he has always been interested, and in his younger days took active part. The affairs of the community to him have always been the affairs of his own home, and he has ever been ready to further, financially or by personal service, any local project which he thought might tend to benefit his neighbors, or the affairs of his community. In church matters he was for many years very active. He has been a consistent churchman all his life, and has steadily supported the local church of the Congregational denomination, of which he is a member. At various times, he has also contributed to the support of other churches.

The recent war was a subject upon which Mr. Leach showed that his interest was whole-souled. Many times during the dark days of 1917 and early 1918 he probably wished he could go back in age five or six decades, for the thrill of patriotism made him wish to be with those vigorous, valiant, younger patriots in France.

Mr. Leach's private life has been estimable. He married, Sept. 2, 1868, in Winfield, Herkimer county, N. Y., Martha Jane, daughter of Jacob and Hester Ann (Goodier) Leach. To the union came two children:

1. Charles G., who was born on Feb. 21, 1875. 2. Hester A., who was born on April 6, 1879.

His long life, and long association with the agriculturists of Chautauqua county, makes the writing of this record for the current history a pleasure, for his biography certainly should have place in it, representing as he does a worthy generation of Chautauqua county agriculturists now almost all gathered to their Maker. Bearing in mind his venerable age, Mr. Leach is still vigorous, and the clearness of his mind and cheerfulness of thought are definite indications of a steady, healthy life, one in which the canker of selfishness and discontent did not enter.

**WILLIAM ARAH PUTNAM, M. D.**—The Putnams of Chautauqua county trace from John Putnam, who was a settler in Salem, Mass., as early as 1634, and through John Putnam, the Pilgrim, they trace through sixteen generations of English ancestors to Simon de Puttenham, the first of the name who is of definite record in England. The town of Puttenham is mentioned in the Domesday Book, and the parish of Puttenham is in Hertfordshire. The coat-of-arms to which American descendants of the line are entitled is thus described:

Arms—Sable between eight crosses, crosslet fitchee, argent a stork of the last, beaked and legged gules.

Crest—A wolf's head gules.

Abner Putnam, the founder of this branch of the Chautauqua county family, was a son of Captain William Putnam, born in Sutton, Mass., Jan. 7, 1755, his wife, Submit (Fisk) Putnam, born Aug. 20, 1768. Their son, Abner Putnam, was born in Buckland, Mass., July 28, 1794, died in the town of Stockton, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Aug. 27, 1862. He married, in Buckland, April 28, 1818, Vesta Mallory, born Feb. 1, 1795, died May 18, 1872, daughter of Hiram Mallory, born March 5, 1776, and Hannah Mallory, born Aug. 20, 1768. In the year 1818, Abner and Vesta (Mallory) Putnam came from Buckland, Franklin county, Mass., and settled in the town of Stockton, taking up land just south of where the Cassadaga railroad station now stands. Abner Putnam was a cousin of Captain Andrew Putnam, who came to Stockton in February, 1817. His son, Worthy Putnam, was an early and successful teacher, county superintendent of schools, and lawyer. Abner Putnam died in 1862, his widow continuing her residence on the homestead until 1873. They were the parents of six sons and four daughters, all of whom survived their parents. This review follows the career of the youngest son, Edwin Putnam, and that of his son, Dr. William A. Putnam, of Forestville, Chautauqua county.

Edwin Putnam, son of Abner and Vesta (Mallory) Putnam, was born at the farm near Cassadaga, in the northeastern part of the town of Stockton, Chautauqua county, March 24, 1828, died at his farm near Waite's Corners in the town of Charlotte, Sept. 9, 1889. He was educated in the district schools, and so well improved the advantages of those early schools that he afterwards taught in them for several terms. He, however, early in life engaged in farming, an occupation and business which he followed all his life. In 1856





*William A. Putnam.*





he went to Wisconsin and spent a year on a farm at Janesville, but the next fall he returned to Chautauqua county. He then, with a young man, David Peebles, equipped a "prairie schooner" and drove through Brown county, Kansas, where they located claims, built a log cabin and spent the winter. The next spring Mr. Putnam returned to Chautauqua county, intending to return West with his family, but instead decided to sell his Kansas land and purchase a farm in Stockton. The political disturbances in Kansas with the ravages of the "border ruffians" undoubtedly aided in bringing about this decision, but whatever the reason it was sufficiently strong to keep him in the East. He bought 75 acres on Cassadaga creek from the Holland Land Company, lying about two miles south of the lakes, a property which he owned all his after life, and now is owned by his daughter. He was always interested and active in town affairs, often serving as school trustee, path master and assessor, also for two terms filling the important office of justice of the peace. He was a Whig in politics, but after the stormy political times which swept that party out of existence he joined with the party of Abraham Lincoln and ever afterward voted with the Republican organization.

Edwin Putnam married (first) Sept. 15, 1853, Harriet Irons, daughter of Rev. Arah and Mary (Miles) Irons, and granddaughter of William Irons, born Jan. 27, 1767. Rev. Arah Irons was born Aug. 13, 1803. His wife, Mary (Miles) Irons, was born Jan. 24, 1807, died Jan. 14, 1880. Mrs. Harriet (Irons) Putnam died Sept. 5, 1859, and in 1861 he married (second) Mrs. Electa A. (Montague) Waite, and purchased the "Waite Farm" near Waite's Corners in the town of Charlotte. There he resided until his death, over a quarter of a century later, in 1889. By his first marriage Edwin Putnam had two children, both of whom survive him: William Arah, of further mention; and a daughter, Mary Elvira, born Feb. 20, 1857, married Oct. 28, 1880, William H. Roberts. By his second marriage there were two boys: George E., and Edwin D., both of whom died in childhood.

William Arah Putnam, only son of Edwin Putnam and his first wife, Harriet (Irons) Putnam, was born at the farm near Cassadaga, town of Stockton, Chautauqua county, N. Y., July 11, 1854. After courses of public school study and a course at Fredonia Normal School he entered the medical department of the University of Buffalo, whence he was graduated M. D., class of 1884. After graduation he practiced his profession at Smiths Mills and Westfield for several years, continuing until 1897, part of that time practicing in association with Dr. Edgar Rood, a graduate of the University of Buffalo, class of 1890. In 1897 Dr. Putnam moved to Smiths Mills, going thence to Forestville, in the town of Hanover, where he is yet in successful general practice. He has been health officer of the town of Hanover for fourteen years, and is highly regarded as a skilled physician and a public-spirited citizen. He is the owner of a good farm which is largely devoted to dairy farming and fine cattle. He is a member of Hanover Lodge, No. 152, Free and Accepted Masons, and is a Republican in politics.

Dr. William A. Putnam married, Oct. 24, 1878, Mary A. Ames, born Jan. 6, 1857, daughter of David Hardy

Ames, born in Hancock, N. H., May 24, 1817, died Nov. 30, 1891, and his wife, Clarissa Ann (Edson) Ames, born Feb. 8, 1816, died Nov. 11, 1888. Mr. and Mrs. Ames were married in Batavia, N. Y. Mary A. (Ames) Putnam is a granddaughter of David Ames, born Dec. 22, 1786, died in 1848, married, July 23, 1812, Sally Hardy, born Dec. 8, 1791, died Nov. 27, 1879. Dr. and Mrs. Putnam are the parents of two children: Edwin David Putnam, M. D., and Harriet Adeline Putnam.

Edwin David Putnam was born at Cassadaga, Stockton, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Jan. 17, 1880. He was educated at Westfield Academy, whence he was graduated, class of 1898. That was the year war was declared against Spain by the United States, and the young man on July 7, following graduation in June, enlisted at Buffalo in Company K, 202nd Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry. He was with that command successively at Camp Black on Long Island, Camp Meade in Pennsylvania, and Athens, Ga., going thence to Savannah enroute to Cuba. The 202nd was one of the first regiments from the United States to arrive in Havana after its evacuation by the Spaniards, and were later stationed at Guanajay, in Pinar del Rio province, Cuba, and in the spring of 1899 returned to the United States via Savannah, where they were mustered out and honorably discharged, April 15, 1899. In October, 1899, the young veteran entered the medical department of the University of Buffalo, whence he was graduated M. D., class of 1903. After serving a term as interne at Buffalo General Hospital and one year in Erie County Hospital, he began the private practice of medicine at West Seneca, continuing three years until 1908, when he formed a partnership with his father and located in Forestville, N. Y. He married, Dec. 14, 1912, Helen P. Lunt, of Dunkirk, N. Y., daughter of Alfred H. and Dora (Popple) Lunt. They are the parents of a son, Alfred Lunt, and a daughter, Mary Jane. Dr. Edwin D. Putnam is a member of the Masonic order, holding the thirty-second degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, member of the Chautauqua County and New York State Medical societies, member of the Silver Creek Motor Boat Club, Omega Psi fraternity, member of the school board and politically a Democrat.

Harriet Adeline Putnam, only daughter of Dr. William A. Putnam, was born at Cassadaga, Stockton, Chautauqua county, N. Y., March 4, 1882. She was educated at Westfield Academy, and now resides at the family home in Forestville.

**MYRON A. WHITNEY**—There are, perhaps, few residents of Chautauqua county and more especially, those living in the vicinity of Sherman, who will not recognize this name as that of one by birth and ancestry a Chautauquan. In addition to being a leading agriculturist, Mr. Whitney has always been actively identified with community affairs, invariably giving his influence for the advancement of all that he deemed calculated to further the truest interests of his friends and neighbors.

Orange Whitney, grandfather of Myron A. Whitney, came in 1829 to the farm on which his grandson is now living, then almost a wilderness, but having a fine rich soil. On the northwest corner of his land Mr. Whitney

reared a dwelling for his family and this was their home for a number of years. Eventually it was destroyed with the exception of the old fashioned fireplace which remained standing until a few years ago.

Myron A. Whitney was born July 1, 1847, on the farm purchased and cleared by his grandfather, and was a son of George Orange and Janett (Taft) Whitney. He received his education in the Park Hill and Mount Pleasant district schools. In course of time he succeeded to the ownership of the ancestral farm which originally comprised 150 acres. Additions made by Mr. Whitney have increased this to 193, 91½ of these being in Chautauqua township, while the others lie in Harmony township. Mr. Whitney engages in general farming and has in addition a fine dairy. About half the acreage is under cultivation. The improvements are modern. Mr. Whitney has an average of five horses, thirty cattle, thirty-six sheep and one hundred chickens. He has constructed most of the present improvements, and the estate is in every way in very fine condition. In the sphere of politics, Mr. Whitney is an independent voter and at one time held the office of school trustee. He belongs to the Grange and to the Chautauqua County Farm Bureau. His religious membership is in the Methodist Episcopal church of North Harmony.

Mr. Whitney married, Sept. 12, 1872, at Jamestown, N. Y., Mary A., daughter of Benjamin and May A. (Hayward) Wood. The Woods are farmers in Chautauqua county and old settlers in Harmony township. Mr. and Mrs. Whitney are the parents of two daughters: 1. Mabel, educated in the district schools and Sherman High School; married Leon Austin, a prosperous farmer of Sherman, and has two children, Lenore and Audry. 2. Blanche Jeanette, educated in the same manner as her sister; married Herbert Bliss, of Sherman, and has two children, Hazel and Esther Jeanette.

Myron A. Whitney is a member of a family which for nearly a century has been resident in Chautauqua county and has aided materially in the development of its agricultural interests. He himself has most ably followed this example and in doing so has made a record which adds a worthy chapter to the annals of his predecessors.

**NATHAN C. COBB**, native of Chautauqua county, N. Y., a respected and prosperous farmer of Kennedy, that county, for very many years, and a veteran of worthy Civil War record, has by his life brought to himself an appreciable measure of esteem in the neighborhood, and at various times has been elected to public office in the administration of that part of the county. He is now in his seventy-seventh year, having been born on Nov. 22, 1843, in Poland, Chautauqua county. His parents were Richmond and Maria (Fairbanks) Cobb, the former a substantial farmer within the county for the greater part of his life. Nathan C. was educated in the common schools of his native place, and he was only eighteen years old when he joined the Union forces of the Civil War. He enlisted Aug. 31, 1862, in the Ninth New York Cavalry, as a member of Company C, and during all the severe fighting in which that dashing regiment had a glorious part from that time until the end of the war, Nathan C. Cobb participated, being mustered out with honor, June 3, 1865.

Thereafter, until the present, he has been an industrious farmer, living his life independently and taking his share in the public burdens of the county of his nativity.

Mr. Cobb has been popular in his own district, has been interested, and at times has taken very active part in local as well as national politics, in-so-far as they bear upon local conditions. He has for many years been staunch in his allegiance to the Republican party, and has been a factor of some consequence in its affairs in the Kennedy district. Of local offices, he has held those of constable and collector very effectively for several years. And for many years he has been interested in the functioning of the local Grange, of which he is a member.

Nathan C. Cobb was married, at Poland, Chautauqua county, Jan. 9, 1869, to Anne E. White, who was born on July 23, 1849, in Garland, Pa., the daughter of Joseph L. and Sophia White. Therefore, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan C. Cobb have had the crowning satisfaction of celebrating the fiftieth, the golden, anniversary of their wedding, upon which occasion their many friends and neighbors gave them some indication of the respect in which they are held in that section of the county in which they have lived through so many decades. To them have been born two children: Claude W., who was born Dec. 19, 1878; Oren J., who was born May 7, 1880.

During the recent World War, Mr. Cobb followed its progress with keen interest, and as was to be expected, his own war record had some influence in inspiring martial and patriotic ardor among the young men of the district whose turn had come to bear the national burdens in the fighting ranks. And in home production of foodstuffs, which were so vitally necessary to the cause, and in producing abnormal yields of which American farmers did so commendably, Mr. Cobb, although of late years not so vigorous as formerly, did all that he was able, following events day by day with an interest which, at times, made him long to be again in the thick of the fighting. Still his service during the rigors of three years of campaigning such as the patriots had to endure during the Civil War was a sufficient national service for one life, and has justly brought him honor since.

**LUKE HAIGHT FAY**, election commissioner of Mayville, Chautauqua county, N. Y., and a well known and popular figure in the general life of the community, is a native of Brocton, born Dec. 14, 1872. He is a son of Albert Appleton and Catherine (Haight) Fay, and a grandson of Captain Joseph B. Fay, one of the best known men in this region during his life.

Albert Appleton Fay was born in Elyria, Ohio, Oct. 2, 1884, his parents' name being Whitney, who died when he was a small boy. Soon after their death he came to Sinclairville, N. Y., and shortly after was adopted by J. B. Fay and came to Brocton, where he spent his life. At the outbreak of the Civil War, he enlisted in Company D, 9th New York Cavalry, and served throughout the war, being discharged with the rank of sergeant; he was twice wounded in action. For twenty-one years Mr. Fay was one of the assessors of the town of Portland, holding that position at the time of his death, which fully exemplified the confidence in which he was



held by his fellow-townsmen. At various times, since the organization of Brocton as a village, he served as one of the trustees and was elected to that office in the spring of 1920. For several years he was president and manager of the Chautauqua Grape Company, was a member of the Farm Bureau, and a charter member of Portland Grange, Patrons of Husbandry; James A. Hall Post, Grand Army of the Republic; J. B. Fay Camp, Sons of Veterans; and Brocton Lodge, No. 284, Knights of Pythias. Mr. Fay married, Dec. 11, 1867, Kate Haight, who with three children, Luke H., of further mention, George A., of Corry, Pa., and Mrs. Vernon Mathews, of Brocton, survive. Mr. Fay died May 15, 1920, and the funeral services were conducted by the Rev. S. M. Gorden, of the Methodist Episcopal church. The burial, in Evergreen Cemetery, was in charge of the Knights of Pythias, and eleven of his old soldier comrades acted as honorary bearers.

Luke Haight Fay secured his education at the public schools of Brocton and the Westfield High School. He then entered a business college at Erie, Pa., where he took a commercial course, and upon completing his studies there secured a position in his father's coal business. The young man remained there for about three or four years and then travelled to the West, settling for a time at the city of Des Moines, Iowa, where he was employed by the Edison Electric Light Company for a year. His next move was to Chicago, where he remained for a similar period in the wholesale department of Marshall Field & Company's great establishment. Returning to the East he once more became affiliated with his father in the latter's coal business and continued this association for some five years. Mr. Fay in the meantime had become keenly interested in grape culture, and severing his connection with his father he purchased a fine vineyard of which he took up the cultivation. He remained thus engaged until 1917, when he was elected to his present position as tax commissioner of the township. At the present time Mr. Fay devotes his entire attention to the discharge of his responsible duties as a public officer, and has won the respect of his fellow-citizens of all political creeds and parties for the disinterested and impartial manner in which he has conducted his department. Mr. Fay is a member of Lake Shore Lodge, No. 851, of Brocton, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Chapter No. 191, Royal Arch Masons; Dunkirk Council, No. 25, Royal and Select Masters; Dunkirk Commandery, No. 40, Knights Templar; and Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also affiliated with Brocton Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of which he is past chancellor commander, and the Portland Grange, Patrons of Husbandry. In politics he is a Republican, and besides his present office has also held other public posts, being connected with the State Census office. He was also secretary of the Chautauqua Grape Company for four years, an organization which cares for the marketing and selling of the product of the vineyards in this locality.

Luke Haight Fay was united in marriage, April 30, 1903, with Mary F. Maginns, of Portland, N. Y., a daughter of Frank A. and Alma Maginns, old and highly respected residents of that place. Two children have been born of this union, as follows: Donald Whitney, aged eleven; and Dorothy Edith, aged five.

**ORRIE ARTHUR OTTAWAY**—Among its members of the younger generation the Chautauqua county bar has no representative who, in comparatively few years, has become more widely or favorably known than the citizen of Brocton whose name heads this article. Mr. Ottaway holds the office of justice of the peace for the town of Portland, and is prominently identified with the interests of the Masonic fraternity.

James Ottaway, great-grandfather of Orrie Arthur Ottaway, was the operator of a mill at Headcorn, England, and married Arabella ———. For generations the Ottaway family has been resident in the County of Kent. In 1823 James Ottaway emigrated to the United States accompanied by his brother Horatio. After six weeks' voyage they landed in New York and proceeded by sloop to Newburgh, going thence by steam and wagon to Buffalo. Leaving his family there, James Ottaway went in quest of land on which to erect a house for them and eventually took up a wild tract in Mina township, Chautauqua county. Nettles were growing on the land and this fact may have inclined him to its selection inasmuch as in England there was a tradition that the presence of nettles was an indication of fertile soil. He purchased a portion of lot 13 and built thereon a log cabin. His was the first deed of land in the eastern part of the town of Mina, and he was the first of the many Englishmen who settled in that region.

John E. Ottaway, son of James and Arabella Ottaway, was born June 20, 1827, on the homestead, in the town of Mina, and received his education in the common schools. In the course of time he purchased the farm from his father and devoted himself to its cultivation. Inheriting the literary tastes of his father, he availed himself of all the means of supplying the deficiencies of his education which came within his reach, thus becoming an extremely well-informed man. The numerous offices of trust which he held in his native town and county included that of supervisor. From the inception of the Republican party he was actively identified with it, frequently representing his town at conventions. The confidence inspired by his character and abilities caused him to be often chosen as the executor of estates and the guardian of funds. For many years he was a director of the State Bank of Sherman. Mr. Ottaway married, Oct. 17, 1849, Sarah, daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (Hosmer) Boorman, both of whom were English and among the first settlers in the town of Sherman, having lived there since 1825. Mr. and Mrs. Ottaway were the parents of the following children: Osmer J., mentioned below; Arthur B., of Westfield; G. Frederick, of Mina; Susan A., wife of ——— Jones, of Mina; and Cora E., of Westfield. On Oct. 17, 1899, Mr. and Mrs. Ottaway, surrounded by their children grandchildren and close friends, celebrated the golden anniversary of their marriage.

Osmer J. Ottaway, son of John E. and Sarah (Boorman) Ottaway, married Ellen Hewitt, and they were the parents of Orrie Arthur, mentioned below.

Orrie Arthur Ottaway, son of Osmer J. and Ellen (Hewitt) Ottaway, was born Feb. 23, 1884, on the homestead, in Mina township, and received his primary education in the local district school. When he was seven years old the family moved to the village of Sherman and he attended school there, afterward entering

Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa. His legal education was received in the law department of Syracuse University, where he graduated in 1909 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. The following year Mr. Ottaway entered upon the practice of his profession in the office of Ottaway & Munson at Westfield, very shortly moving to Brocton, where he was associated with F. C. Lewis. Subsequently the partnership was dissolved, since which event Mr. Ottaway has practiced alone. Steadily and surely he has built up an enviable reputation, winning the implicit confidence of his professional brethren and the general public. Like his father, Mr. Ottaway has always supported the principles of the Republicans, and has never been known to fail in public spirit. He is now justice of the peace for the town of Portland. He was master of Lake Shore Lodge, No. 851, Free and Accepted Masons, also affiliating with the chapter, of Dunkirk, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Brocton, and the Knights of Pythias, also of Brocton, in which he holds the office of past chancellor. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Brocton.

Mr. Ottaway married, Nov. 8, 1911, Mabel, daughter of Tom and Lenora Culver, of Westfield, and they are the parents of one child, Elizabeth Mae Ottaway, who is now attending the kindergarten.

The qualities of foresight, sound judgment and aggressive energy by which Mr. Ottaway's ancestors were distinguished "on both sides of the sea" have thus far contributed to his success in his chosen profession and now open before him a most promising future.

**WILLIAM WESLEY COLE, M. D.**—For twenty-six years a practicing physician of the town of Hanover, located in the village of Silver Creek, Dr. Cole was one of the best known men of the town. He came to Chautauqua county from Baldwinsville, in Onondaga county, was a native son of the Empire State, and spent his years (sixty) within her borders. He was a physician of learning and skill, highly esteemed by his brethren of the profession, and devoted to his work as a healer of human ills. He was of a family inheriting medical tastes, and one of four brothers, all doctors: Dr. George Cole, of Conneaut, Ohio; Dr. E. E. Cole, of Manlius, N. Y.; Dr. P. A. Cole, of Cleveland, Ohio; and William Wesley Cole, whose memory this review perpetuates.

William Wesley Cole was born at Sand Lake, Rensselaer county, N. Y., Feb. 17, 1859, and died at the German Deaconess Hospital, April 8, 1919. Though poor in health, he continued to look after his practice until a few days before his death, when blood poisoning developed from a slight injury to his hand. He went to the hospital for treatment, but his condition was such that he considered his case almost hopeless from the first, and arranged his business affairs accordingly. He grew to manhood in Rensselaer county, there completed his public school study, and began reading medicine. He completed professional study at Cleveland Medical School, whence he was graduated M. D., class of 1891, and the same year began practice in Baldwinsville, N. Y. Two years later, in 1893, he came to Chautauqua county and located at Silver Creek, where his remaining twenty-six years of life were spent in successful medical practice. He had a large practice in his village and town, and was universally esteemed. While he gave to

his profession the strength of body, physical and mental, he was fond of farm life, and became an enthusiast on grape culture and the owner of a farm of 87 acres. Friendly and social by nature, Dr. Cole was interested in all village activities, and in all that went to make village life enjoyable and profitable. He was a member of Silver Lodge, No. 757, Free and Accepted Masons; a charter member of Silver Creek Lodge, Odd Fellows; and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Dr. Cole married (first) Emma Cranse, who died in Baldwinsville, N. Y., leaving a son, Harold Wesley Cole, who died aged twenty-one. Dr. Cole married (second) at Silver Creek, N. Y., J. Belle Morrison, daughter of Frank Morrison, of Scotch descent, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mrs. Cole died at Silver Creek, Aug. 2, 1896, and is buried in Glenwood Cemetery, Silver Creek. They were the parents of a daughter, Daphne Bell, who was an infant when her mother died. She had the loving care of a devoted father, and attended the public schools until completing fifth grade work, when she became a student at Holy Angels Academy, Buffalo, where she completed her education. She is a member of the Roman Catholic church, and was her father's devoted associate until the latter's death. Miss Cole married, Sept. 16, 1917, J. Harry Wilde, of Jamestown, N. Y., who was a member of Company E, which left Jamestown under command of Captain, now Major, Charles A. Sandburg, and went overseas with the 27th division, American Expeditionary Forces, to take part in the war between the United States and Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Wilde are the parents of a son, Cole Wesley Wilde, born Nov. 18, 1919. Dr. Cole married (third) Ina Mereness Van Schoonoven in July, 1898. She now resides in Syracuse with a niece, Mrs. Dr. George Retan. The funeral of Dr. Cole was from his home, on Main street, and in charge of the Masonic fraternity, brief remarks being made by Rev. H. H. Bair, of the Methodist church. He was buried in Baldwinsville.

**LAMONT ALLEN JEFFERDS**, a prominent figure in the industrial life of Brocton, Chautauqua county, N. Y., where he has been engaged in the manufacture of furniture for a number of years, is a native of Randolph, Cattaraugus county, N. Y., where his birth occurred Nov. 7, 1878, a son of Owel and Emma (Harding) Jeffers, his parents now making their home in New York City, where the elder Mr. Jeffers is the assistant cashier of the Seaboard National Bank.

Lamont Allen Jeffers passed his childhood at his native place and there attended the local public schools for a time. When his parents removed to New York City he accompanied them and attended the public schools of the Metropolis until he was sent to the Chamberlain Institute at Randolph, N. Y. After completing his general education at the latter institution, he entered the New York Commercial School of New York City, where he was prepared for a career in business. He then entered the employ of the New York Telephone Company, where he worked in a clerical capacity for five years, and was then given a position in the Seaboard National Bank, in which his father was an officer. There he remained for another five years, and then became associated with the Farish-Stafford Company, where he





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was employed for six years longer. At the end of that period, having gained a wide knowledge of business methods generally and of banking in particular, he left New York City and returned to his native place, where he took a position in the Randolph Bank. His next association was with the department store of T. E. Adams Company at Randolph, where he was connected with the retail department for two years, after which he entered the services of the Randolph Furniture Works as assistant to the secretary-treasurer. After three years spent there in learning the business of manufacturing furniture, Mr. Jefferds was offered the position of assistant manager of the factory of the Brocton Furniture Company of Brocton, N. Y., and came to this place on Feb. 1, 1916, to take up his new task. Since that time he has continued in that capacity and has done much to advance the interests of the important concern with which he is associated. He has made himself of the greatest value to his employers, and everything points to a brilliant future for him in the line of business that he has chosen. Mr. Jefferds has always taken a public-spirited interest in the general life of the communities where he has dwelt, and is a conspicuous figure in the social circle of Brocton. He is a Republican in politics, and a Methodist in religious belief, attending the Methodist Episcopal church of Brocton.

Lamont Allen Jefferds was united in marriage, Sept. 16, 1907, at Randolph, N. Y., with Tillie M. Shean, of that town, a daughter of Michael W. and Bridget (McMahon) Shean. Two children have been born of this union, as follows: Milton Lamont and Donald Francis.

**FRED E. MORSE**—The dual interests of real estate and insurance are perhaps more closely connected than any others with the progress and prosperity of most communities. Certain it is that they play an important part in the life of Chautauqua county and equally certain is it that they have no more successful nor aggressive representative than the citizen of Fredonia whose name stands at the head of this article. Mr. Morse is helpfully identified with other essential interests of his home town, and is a figure of prominence in Masonic circles.

Fred E. Morse was born Feb. 29, 1856, in the town of Stockton, Chautauqua county, N. Y., a son of Hiram P. and Mary A. (West) Morse. Mr. Morse was by trade a blacksmith. Fred E. Morse attended local schools and assisted his father in the latter's work until the age of eighteen. He then went into business for himself as a carriage painter and blacksmith, but was forced by failing health to abandon the undertaking. He then moved on a farm in Stockton, remaining until May 20, 1892, when he came to Fredonia and opened a saddlery and hardware store, later taking over a grist mill. The next occupation to which Mr. Morse turned his attention was the one in which he was destined to score his greatest success—insurance. His first association with it was in connection with the Prudential Life Insurance Company, with which he remained for ten years. At the end of that time he engaged for himself in the same line of business, meeting, as the years went on, with an ever-increasing measure of success. His business now consists of two departments: Real estate, in which he has a partner; and insurance, including all kinds, which he conducts by

himself. He represents the following companies: Boston, Scottish, Union, Franklin, Republic, Standard, and Equitable Life. The vote and influence of Mr. Morse are always given to the principles advocated by the Republican party, but he takes no active share in the work of the organization. He affiliates with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Fredonia.

Mr. Morse married, Jan. 6, 1880, Adda May, daughter of Edward and Melinda (Berry) Sprague, of Laona, N. Y., and they are the parents of the following children: 1. Harry P., married Clella Bartlett, and they have three children, Gerald, Donald, and Thomas. 2. Myrtle, wife of Leonard Carr; they have two children, Dorothy and Gerald. 3. Berdena, wife of Arthur Hunt. 4. Clara. 5. Marion.

The career of Fred E. Morse furnishes a lesson in the advantage of seeking the occupation for which one is best fitted. He persevered in the quest and on trying real estate and insurance was soon convinced that he had found his place. The public has long shared, most thoroughly, his own conviction.

**WILLIAM BERNARD CONROY**, president of the Conroy-Buchanan Lumber Company, of Jamestown, N. Y., is a man of pleasing personality and energy of character; quick to note the possibilities of a business transaction and equally quick to detect any effort to defraud or misrepresent.

Born in Irvington, Pa., July 7, 1870, the son of John D. and Ellen M. (Merchant) Conroy. The latter is still living, but the father died some time ago. It was from his father that Mr. Conroy inherited his business ability, for the elder Conroy was engaged in mercantile pursuits for many years. The boy's education was gained first at the district school and afterward at the Youngsville High School. After that he secured employment with the Western, New York & Pennsylvania Railway Company as station agent and telegraph operator, remaining thus occupied for seven years; in 1900 he decided to make a change and entered the employ of the Indiana Lumber Company, continuing with them for two years. In 1902 Mr. Conroy saw an opportunity for advancement with the Mead Speer Lumber Company of Pittsburgh, Pa., and remained there for four years. By that time he felt himself capable of conducting a business of his own, and going to Jamestown he became a member of the above mentioned company.

Mr. Conroy is greatly interested in all affairs pertaining to Jamestown. He is a Free Mason, having passed through the Blue Lodge, Chapter, Commandery and Scottish Rite; he is a member of the First Congregational Church, as are also his wife and children. In politics he is an independent voter, choosing the man he considers best for the office. He is nothing of a politician, for business occupies too much of his time to leave room for such a diversion.

William Bernard Conroy married, Feb. 6, 1903, Annie L. Thompson, of Plumer, Pa. Of this union three children were born: Allen Thompson, Mary Louise, Harold William, deceased.

Mr. Conroy started his career with no other capital than experience and a determination to succeed, and now he is head of a thriving business which is growing more successful each year.



**EDWARD LOWRY BUCHANAN**, the treasurer of the Conroy-Buchanan Lumber Company, is like his partner a self-made man, bringing to the company only honesty of purpose and a willingness to work for the building up of the business. That they have succeeded in this is conceded by all who know the partners and their standing in the community.

The parents of Edward L. Buchanan were David A. and Mary Jane (Fetterman) Buchanan, residents of Titusville, Pa., where their son was born July 6, 1871. David A. Buchanan died several years ago, but his wife still survives him. He was a farmer and also conducted a butchering business. The son, Edward L., was educated in the district schools of Venango county, Pa., afterwards entering the Clarion State Normal School, from which he graduated in 1895. He taught school for four years after graduating, and previous to that had also taught school. Desiring to advance in life, Mr. Buchanan secured a position with the Oil Well Supply Company of Oil City, Pa. After three and a half years with this company he resigned to accept an opening with the Model Milling Company of the same city, where he remained for a year and a half, going then into the office of the Citizens Traction Company. When his stay there came to an end, he and Mr. Conroy decided to enter into business together, forming the firm known as the Conroy-Buchanan Lumber Company in 1907.

Mr. Buchanan is an upholder of the tenets of the Prohibition party and votes that ticket at election time. He is a congregationalist in religion, his wife and children attending the First Congregational Church of Jamestown; he is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being connected with the local lodge.

On Jan. 2, 1899, Edward Lowry Buchanan married Elnora A. Thompson of Plumer, Pa. Of this marriage two children were born: Mary Isabel, 1902; Arthur Thompson, 1917. Mr. Buchanan and Mr. Conroy are not alone business associates, but are connected by marriage, having married sisters.

**CONROY-BUCHANAN LUMBER COMPANY**, William Bernard Conroy, president; Edward Lowry Buchanan, treasurer; Margaret Thompson, secretary.

In 1907 two young men arrived in Jamestown with the intention of starting in business, one coming from Pittsburgh, Pa., where he had been connected with the Mead Speer Lumber Company, and the other coming from the Oil Well Supply Company of Oil City, Pa. These men, Willard Bernard Conroy and Edward Lowry Buchanan, had both been trained by several years employment in wood products business, so they felt fully capable of conducting a hardwood and veneer concern. They entered into partnership in the spring of 1907, continuing it until the following autumn, when they made an incorporated company of it, with the officers above mentioned as members, under the corporate name of the Conroy-Buchanan Lumber Company. From the very beginning they were most successful, buying their goods in carload consignments and selling them all over New York State and through the Ohio Valley. Both men act as buyers and personally attend to the sales in their individual territories, and as they only handle fine, reliable goods, and both young men, have the confidence

and friendship of their customers, they have no trouble in disposing of their wares. They are highly respected in Jamestown, and in the twelve years the company has been in existence have made a name and place for themselves among the business men of that city.

**ROSS J. GOLDSMITH**, one of the successful contractors of Brocton, N. Y., where he was engaged in business for a number of years, is a native of that town, his birth having occurred there on Jan. 7, 1884. He is a son of James and Ida (Berg) Goldsmith, the former a laborer in these parts for many years.

The early life of Ross J. Goldsmith was passed in poor surroundings without many of the educational advantages which are so valuable in aiding young men in their start in a business career. He attended, however, the local public schools, remaining at these institutions until he had completed the grammar grades and studied for a time in the Brocton High School, and then found it necessary to engage in some remunerative occupation. Accordingly he secured a position in a local basket factory when little more than a child, and in 1906 began to serve as an apprentice in a plumbing establishment. He spent five years in all in the employ of that concern, first as an apprentice and then as a journeyman plumber, and in 1911 was appointed a master plumber. During the time he was so employed Mr. Goldsmith saved with rigid economy a large proportion of his slender earnings in order some day to be in a position to become independent and engage in business on his own account. This ambition he was able to realize in 1911, when he severed his connection with his old employers and established himself as a contractor in his native town of Brocton. Since that time he has continued in his chosen line, has built up a great success throughout this region, and handles much important work here. Among the large jobs that he has completed in the past should be mentioned the residence of Conrad W. Green, who is himself the subject of extended mention elsewhere in this work; the handsome summer home of Mr. Windburn, the Bailey building, the building of the Paul DeLaney Company, the plant of the Brocton Food Juice Company, all at Brocton, and the Memorial Hospital building at Lillydale. He has a large and fully equipped establishment at Brocton, and is justly regarded as one of the substantial citizens of the community, his success being due entirely to his own efforts. Mr. Goldsmith has always taken a lively interest in the general affairs of Brocton and the surrounding region, and is a well known figure in the general life of the place. He is a Republican in politics, but although he keeps himself always abreast of all the issues of the day, both local and national, has never as yet taken that part in public affairs for which his practical talents so admirably fit him. He is not a member of any church, but members of his family attend the local Baptist house of worship. Mr. Goldsmith is a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Ross J. Goldsmith was united in marriage, March 7, 1917, with Jessie Gustafson, of Dunkirk, N. Y., a daughter of Alfred and Emma Gustafson, old and highly respected residents of that place.



*E. L. Buchanan*







*Elmer W. Powers*



**ELMER WALTER POWERS, M. D.**—No name stands higher in medical circles at Westfield, Chautauqua county, N. Y., than that of Dr. Elmer Walter Powers, who has been engaged in practice here for a number of years and established an enviable reputation both for his ability as a physician and for the high standard of professional ethics which he has consistently maintained. Dr. Powers was born Dec. 9, 1870, at Panama, N. Y., a son of Joel and Harriette M. (Lewis) Powers, the former still surviving. The elder Mr. Powers has largely retired from active business, but holds the distinction of being the oldest justice of the peace at North Harmony. The Powers family is a very old and distinguished one in Chautauqua county, and Mr. Powers' grandfather, the Rev. Simon Powers, was rector of the First Baptist Church at Panama early in the nineteenth century.

Dr. Powers attended as a lad the public schools of Panama, and later was a student at the Westfield High School, where he was prepared for college. In the meantime he had determined to follow the profession of medicine as a career in life, and with this end in view entered the medical department of the University of Vermont at Burlington, Vt. After having take the prescribed course in medicine he was graduated with the class of 1899, winning his degree of medical doctor. He then entered the Mary Fletcher Hospital at Burlington, as an interne, and served in that capacity for one year, thus gaining the practical experience necessary to supplement his theoretical knowledge. Upon completing this term of apprenticeship, Dr. Powers removed to the West and settled at Comeaut, Ohio, where he remained two years, engaged in the practice of his profession. At the end of that time, however, he was induced to abandon his profession for a time and became a salesman for the Burns Vaporizer Company, of Westfield, N. Y., and travelled in various parts of the country as their representative for two years. He then returned to his former career and resumed his medical practice at Ashville, N. Y., in the year 1904. He continued to be thus engaged for a period of about fourteen years and established a wide reputation throughout that region. On Sept. 15, 1918, Dr. Powers removed to Westfield, where he has since been actively engaged in his profession, and although the time has been brief he has already gained recognition as one of the most capable physicians in the community. He still possesses his license to practice medicine in Ohio. Dr. Powers has taken a lively interest in local affairs for a number of years, and is a well known figure in the general life of the community. He is a member of many important organizations including the Chautauqua County Medical Society, of which he is president, and the New York State Medical Society. He is also a member of the University of Vermont Alumni; of Summit Lodge, No. 219, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Lakewood Lodge 628, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; the Order of Maccabees, and the American Medical Association. In religious belief he is a Methodist, attending the church of that denomination at Westfield, and in politics a Republican.

Dr. Elmer Walter Powers was united in marriage, Sept. 10, 1905, with Gertrude Pardee, of Harmony, N. Y., a daughter of James and Sophia (Gypson) Pardee,

and they are the parents of two children, as follows: Harriette Elizabeth, now a student at the Westfield High School; and Kenneth Pardee, who attends the grammar schools here.

**TIMOTHY JOSEPH DESMOND**—As one of the heads of the widely known Desmond Coal Company and Desmond Fisheries the man whose name we have just written stands forth so prominently, not only among his neighbors of Dunkirk, but also among his fellow-citizens of Chautauqua county, as to render any words of introduction not only unnecessary but wholly superfluous. To say that Mr. Desmond is known in his town and county is distinctly an under statement, inasmuch as his name, from its connection with a great fisheries concern, is familiar in many states of the American Union.

Timothy Joseph Desmond was born in Buffalo, and is a son of Timothy and Ellen (Harrigan) Desmond, both natives of Ireland, but married in the United States. The educational facilities of Timothy Joseph Desmond were limited, and he was early obliged to become a wage earner. His business ability being above the average, and his industry and energy equal to it, he found himself, when in the prime of life, one of the proprietors of two great concerns, the Desmond Coal Company and the Desmond Fisheries. The founding and maintenance of either of these enterprises would have been sufficient to place Mr. Desmond among the foremost business men of Western New York.

The Desmond Coal Company handles all kinds of coal and gives employment to ten men. It owns its trucks and carries on a very extensive business. The Desmond Fisheries own five steam tugs and miles of nets, employing twenty-eight men on their own boats. It works by contract twelve other steam tugs and gasoline motor boats on which they employ eighty-four hands. They own their cold storage, packing and fish houses, employing in these forty hands. Their catch averages 1,200 tons annually and is shipped into the states of New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Massachusetts, Tennessee, Kentucky, Missouri, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Nebraska, New Jersey, West Virginia and Maryland. During the busy season they employ 162 men and their pay-roll exceeds \$107,000 annually. Politically Mr. Desmond is a Democrat. He is a director of the Chamber of Commerce, and his fraternal affiliations are with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Columbus, Dunkirk Club, C. and B. A. He is a member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. Desmond married in Buffalo, N. Y., Mary, daughter of Cornelius and Margaret (Darcy) Corcoran, and they became the parents of three children: Margaret, at home; John, married Lucile Frey, and they have two children, William and Lamar; Timothy Joseph, Jr., married Irene Findley. All these children were educated in Dunkirk. Mrs. Desmond, who was a devoted wife and mother, passed away April 15, 1919.

Cornelius William Desmond, son of Timothy and Ellen (Harrigan) Desmond, and brother of Timothy Joseph Desmond, was born in Buffalo, and is the partner of his brother in the Desmond Coal Company and the Desmond Fisheries. The political principles of Mr. Desmond are those supported by the Democratic

party. He occupies a seat in the Chamber of Commerce, and affiliates with the Catholic Benevolent Legion. He is a member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. Desmond married Agnes, daughter of Thomas and Mary Cleary, and they have five children living, all of whom were educated in Dunkirk with the exception of the two eldest who received their educations in Buffalo: Thomas, Elinor, Agnes, Elizabeth, and Margaret. One child, Mary, is deceased.

The great business which these two brothers now successfully conduct had a small beginning, but has been gradually built up by their combined talent and aggressiveness to its present large proportions. Their record is of value to their descendants and this, together with the fact that it contains a salutary lesson for young men starting in life, should insure its careful preservation.

**MORRIS HENRY STIMSON**—Technical lines have always claimed Mr. Stimson, and his active life has been spent in connection with manufacturing enterprises in the Middle West and in the East. Since 1913 he has been associated with Chautauqua county in the capacity of general manager of the United States Radiator Corporation.

Morris Henry Stimson was born in Cadillac, Mich., Aug. 5, 1879, son of Warren B. and Gertrude (Beardslee) Stimson. He received his elementary education in the schools of Grand Rapids, Mich., and upon graduating from the local high school in 1900, he attended the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. Here he took a course in mechanical engineering, and was graduated with the degrees of Mechanical Engineer and Bachelor of Science in 1904. This was supplemented by an apprenticeship at the Detroit plant of the American Radiator Company until 1908, when he became factory manager of the Detroit Steel Products Company, which position he held until 1910. The next three years he was engaged as manager of plants numbers three and fifteen for the Buick Motor Car Company, at Flint, Mich. In 1913 he accepted his present position of general manager of the United States Radiator Corporation. In no small measure has the growth of this concern been due to Mr. Stimson's tireless industry and energy. His training qualified him for carrying on a large enterprise, and his close application to the business of this firm has given him remarkable success. His position demands the service of one whose ability is of high order, and whose well-balanced forces are manifest in sound judgment and in ready and rapid understanding of any problem that may be presented for solution. He is a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and of the Psi Upsilon fraternity, also Sigma Xi. Mr. Stimson is also a prominent man in the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Stimson married, April 24, 1908, at Grand Rapids, Mich., Helen Methenay, and they are the parents of two children: Betty Bradford, now attending State Normal School at Fredonia; and Patricia Warren.

**CHARLES ANDREW STUDLEY**—A veteran in years and in business experience, and one of the comparatively few who "followed the flag" to the battle fields of the South in 1862, Mr. Studley after many,

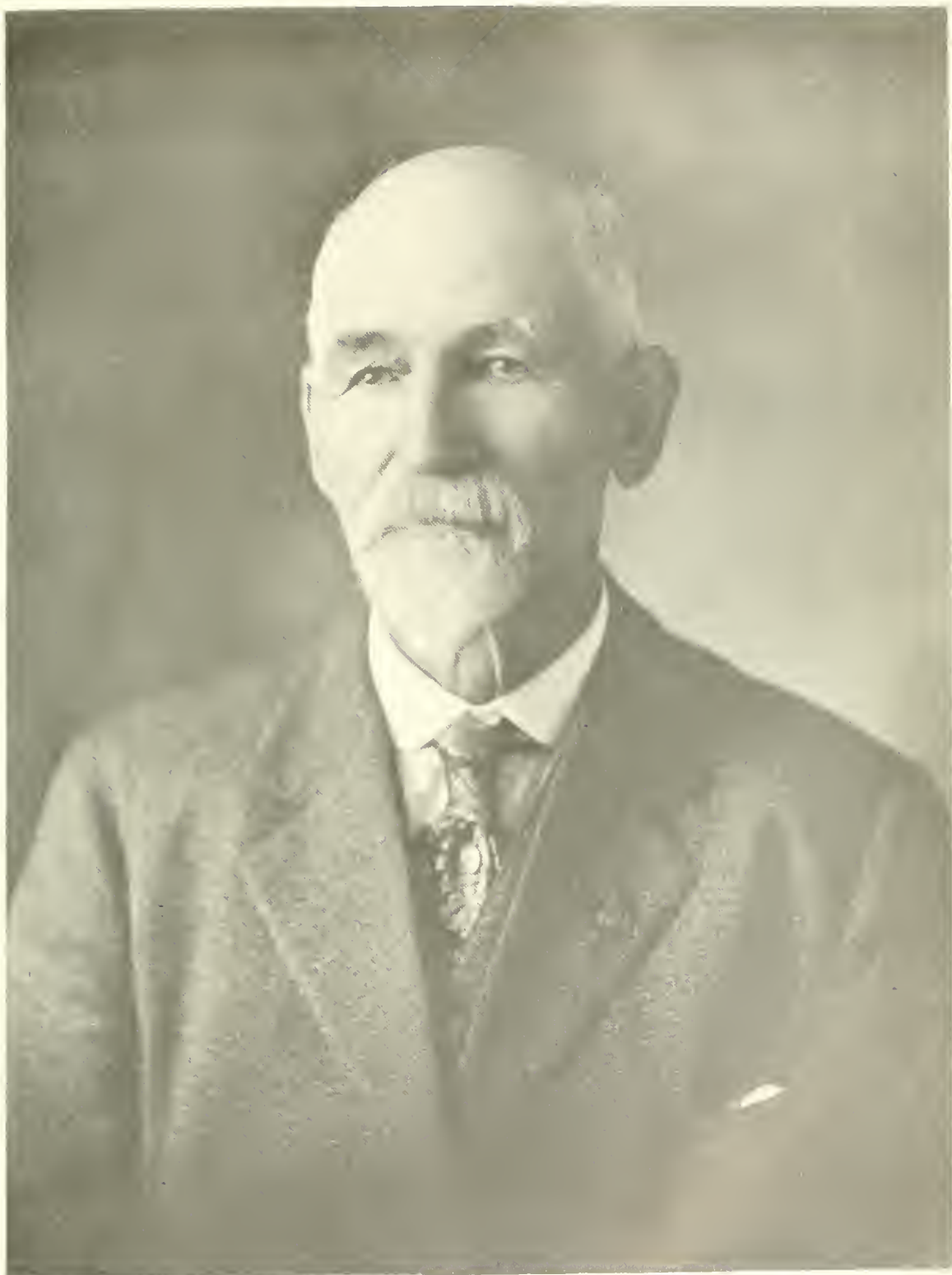
many years of life in other states returned to his native New York, and in 1919 permanently located in the village of Fredonia, Chautauqua county. His years of residence in the West brought him a competence, and in acquiring it he brought under cultivation a large tract of prairie land which the plow of the white man had never before turned. His military service was with the troops of a Western State, and his recollections of the three years' service with those men are the most cherished of his life. Now nearing octogenarian honors, Mr. Studley is enjoying the rewards of a lifetime of energetic, well directed effort, and is as keenly interested in the trend of public events as though his years were of little weight. He is a descendant of an ancient Puritan family of Massachusetts, his branch of the Studley family settling in Western New York.

His father, Philemon Studley, was a farmer in Cattaraugus county, N. Y., but later moved with his family to Dunkirk in Chautauqua county, where he was engaged in various occupations during the remaining active years of his life. He lived for a time in Gowanda, and died in Dayton, Cattaraugus county, N. Y. Philemon Studley married Elmira Starks, who died in Dunkirk and is buried in Forest Hill Cemetery, Fredonia. They were the parents of five children: David, who like his brother served in the Union army during the Civil War; Mary, married Marion Guest; Charles Andrew, of further mention; Maria, married Levant Darby; Marion, a resident of Cassadaga, Chautauqua county.

Charles A. Studley was born at Springville, Erie county, N. Y., March 13, 1842, but when young his parents moved to Dunkirk, where he obtained a public school education. He remained in Dunkirk until the age of nineteen, then went to Boone county, Ill., locating at Garden Prairie, where he engaged as a farm employee for one year. In 1862 he enlisted at Belvidere, Ill., in Company B, 95th Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, his company commander, Captain Loop, his regimental chief, Colonel Humphrey. He was in the service three years and took part in several severe battles and many skirmishes and minor engagements, was promoted to the rank of corporal, and at the close of the war was mustered out with an honorable discharge at Springfield, Ill.

After the war, Mr. Studley spent seventeen years in the Pennsylvania oil fields, locating at Oil City. He was not one of the successful oil operators and finally closed out his business and went West, locating in North Dakota, where he bought and "homesteaded" 850 acres of prairie land in Benson county. This tract he made valuable by cultivation and extensive improvements, residing thereon for thirty-five years, and becoming one of the prosperous wheat growers of that section. In 1906 he began coming East to spend his winters, choosing Fredonia as his residence. This practice he continued until 1919, when he sold his farms and other property in North Dakota and made Fredonia his permanent residence. He is a member of Holt Post, Grand Army of the Republic, of Fredonia; the Methodist Episcopal church, the Masonic order, and in politics a Republican.

Mr. Studley married (first) Loretta Baxter, who died in North Dakota, leaving three children: Ida, married Clarke Higgins; Nellie, married David Robertson, and



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resides in North Dakota; Jennie, married Barney Speiglor, and resides in North Dakota. Mr. Studley married (second) Kathrine (Zink) Turrell, born in Erie county, N. Y., daughter of Leon and Josephine (Von Hatton) Zink, and widow of Eli Turrell. Mrs. Studley is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

**REV. WILLIAM L. HYDE** was born in Bath, Me., Dec. 27, 1810, a son of Captain Henry and Maria (Hyde) Hyde. He received his education in Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Me., from which he was graduated with the class of 1842. In 1840 he completed his course in theology and was ordained a minister in the Congregational church, and for seven years acted as pastor of that denomination at Gardner, Me.

In 1856 Mr. Hyde removed to Dunkirk, N. Y., where he was pastor of the Presbyterian church until 1862, when he was commissioned chaplain of the 112th Regiment (the Chautauqua County Regiment), New York State Volunteers, and remained in that station until the close of the Civil War. One year later Mr. Hyde removed from Dunkirk to Ripley, where he remained until 1871 as pastor of the Presbyterian church, and the following three years was pastor of the church of that denomination in Sherman, N. Y. In 1874 he removed to Ovid, Seneca county, N. Y., where for the ensuing ten years he held the position of principal of the high school. In 1884 he came to Jamestown, Chautauqua county, N. Y., where he remained until his demise in 1896, at first teaching a private school and later doing editorial work on the Jamestown "Journal," and serving as supply clergyman in various pulpits in the city and vicinity.

While living at Ripley he wrote and published the "History of the One Hundred and Twelfth Regiment," recognized as one of the most accurate and valuable of all the histories of New York State regiments. Throughout his residence in Jamestown, Mr. Hyde was chaplain of James M. Brown Post, Grand Army of the Republic, and in 1896 was elected chaplain of the Grand Encampment, Department of New York, Grand Army of the Republic, and was honorary chaplain of the Thirteenth Separate Company, National Guard, State of New York, Jamestown, up to the time of his death. He was a companion of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion. He was an active member of the Chautauqua County Society of History and Natural Science. In the Chautauqua Institution he took a great interest and presented to the institution a library of theological works.

On May 4, 1852, Mr. Hyde was united in marriage with Frances Elizabeth Rice, who was born in Wiscasset, Me., a daughter of Thomas Rice. To Rev. and Mrs. Hyde were born the following children: 1. Henry Warren, who resides in Denver, Colo. 2. Wallace E., who died in infancy. 3. Frederick William, whose biographical record follows this. They also had an adopted daughter, Elizabeth Clover, who married Sanford C. Meddick, and resides at Ovid, N. Y. Mrs. Hyde's demise occurred at her home in Jamestown, N. Y., May 17, 1892.

**MAJOR FREDERICK WILLIAM HYDE** was born in Dunkirk, N. Y., Feb. 21, 1858, a son of Rev. William L. Hyde, whose biography precedes this. Major

Hyde received his early education in the district schools of this county, and later attended the high school at Ovid, N. Y. After a one-year course of study at the Fredonia Normal School, he entered the store of Levant L. Mason, in Jamestown, and served a four years apprenticeship at the watchmaker and jeweler's trade, at which he worked in Cleveland, Ohio, for a time. In 1879 he returned from Cleveland and entered the business offices of the Jamestown "Journal," and soon after became a reporter on that newspaper. Later he became successively, news editor and managing editor, which later position he continued to hold until 1905. He is a director of the Journal Printing Company. He served nearly twelve years in the Jamestown Fire Department as a member of Ellicott Hook and Ladder Company; for seven years served in Company E, 65th Infantry, National Guard, of which he was captain; and during the Spanish-American War he was captain of the United States Volunteers and was honorably discharged from the army in 1898. During the World War he was a major in the 74th Infantry, New York Guard. He was an officer of the National Chautauqua County Bank from 1905 to 1918; later, treasurer of the Dahlstrom Metallic Door Company, and since Jan. 1, 1919, has held the position of secretary of the National Bank Section of the American Bankers Association with offices in New York and Washington.

For twenty years Major Hyde served as a clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Chautauqua county. During the legislative term in 1903 and 1904, he was index clerk of the State Assembly. In politics he has always been and is a Republican. He is a member of the various Masonic bodies, is a member of the Army and Navy Club in New York City, City Club of Washington, D. C., Rotary Club, and Chadakoin Club of Jamestown.

On Aug. 21, 1894, Major Hyde was united in marriage with Carrie Joie Jones, a daughter of Sidney Jones, whose biography follows. To this union were born on Dec. 25, 1896, twin daughters, of whom Carolyn Elizabeth, wife of Gale L. Cheney, of Youngstown, Ohio, survives.

**SIDNEY JONES**—In the proud list of her citizens known and honored throughout the business world for stability, integrity, and fair dealing, Jamestown and Chautauqua county have no cause to be other than satisfied with the record of that prominent merchant, Sidney Jones. The methods by which he had attained the high position which he held in the estimation of his fellowmen well attested his qualities of mind and heart; he was courageous, cheerful, clear of judgment, alert to opportunity, and untiring in labor.

Sidney Jones was born in Jamestown, N. Y., July 27, 1823, the youngest child and seventh son of Solomon and Clarissa (Hayward) Jones. His father, Solomon Jones, was one of the early settlers of Chautauqua county, coming from Wardsboro, Vt., and making his home in Kiantone in November, 1810, later removing to a place on the Chautauqua outlet, about two miles north of Jamestown, to which the name of Jones' Landing was given, now Clifton. His later years were spent in Jamestown, his house on East Fourth street standing on the site of the residence now owned and occupied by Sheldon B. Broadhead (1904). To Solomon Jones and

his wife were born fourteen children, of whom thirteen reached maturity. His death occurred at his home in Jamestown, Aug. 2, 1862.

Sidney Jones received his early education in the district schools of his native town, and in the Jamestown Academy. After completing his studies, Mr. Jones took up the mercantile business. At one time Mr. Jones owned a grist mill at Dexterville (now East Jamestown), but later abandoned this business, and again took up mercantile pursuits. At different times, Mr. Jones had as partners in his business, E. C. Bailey, James P. Clarke, and Charles H. Howard. Mr. Jones retired in 1894, and on Jan. 7, 1908, his death occurred at his home in Jamestown, and he is buried in Lakeview Cemetery.

Politically Mr. Jones was a staunch Republican, and though he never sought for office, when it was offered him as an expression of faith and trust placed in him by his fellow-citizens, he accepted and gave to his city and county the best of his ability. Mr. Jones was elected county clerk in 1861, and in that capacity served a term of three years. He also served on the Board of Education of the Jamestown public schools for many years. In religious affiliation Mr. Jones was a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

On Oct. 20, 1862, at Leicester, N. Y., Mr. Jones was united in marriage with Anna S. Dickey, whose death occurred June 1, 1900. To this union were born two daughters: Emma C., born Dec. 23, 1863, married William Archie Kent, of Prescott, Ariz.; and Carrie Joie, born July 9, 1865, who married Frederick William Hyde, whose biography precedes this.

No element of the city's growth and improvement sought Mr. Jones' aid in vain. He stood for advancement in public as well as in private affairs, and the same qualities which made him a prominent figure in business circles made him a citizen whose loyalty and support were always to be counted upon. His entire life, with the exception of three years spent in Mayville, was spent in Jamestown, and those who knew him, and his friends were numerous, entertained for him the warmest regard. His life was in large measure an exemplification of his beliefs in the brotherhood of mankind. He had never allowed questionable methods to form part of his business career, while over his official life there fell no shadow of wrong or suspicion of evil. Kindliness and appreciation for the good traits of others have constituted the salient features in his career, and his life illustrates the fact of the Emersonian philosophy that—"to make a friend you must be a friend."

**FRANK ANTHONY OGNIBENE, M. D.**—In 1897, Dr. Ognibene first came to Fredonia, N. Y., he then a boy of six years, accompanying his parents, Ross and Rosalia (Randazza) Ognibene, who in that year moved from Buffalo to Fredonia, and there both yet reside (1920). While yet a boy, Dr. Ognibene determined upon his choice of a profession and he never lost sight of his goal, although he was obliged to help finance his own medical education. After obtaining his M. D., he did not at once locate in Fredonia, and it was not until March, 1919, that he returned to his

old home where he is building up a fine reputation and practice as physician and surgeon.

Frank A. Ognibene was born in Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 7, 1891, but came to Fredonia in 1897 and there completed the courses of study furnished by the grammar and high schools. He then entered Fredonia State Normal School, pursuing the classical course to graduation with the class of 1910. Through the financial assistance of his sister, Josephine, he was enabled to enter the medical department of the University of Buffalo, and in that way, with that which he was able to personally earn, the course was financed. He was graduated M. D., class of 1914, and for one year he served as interne in Buffalo, N. Y., and after spending three years in Amsterdam returned to Fredonia and is building up a good practice among his old friends and townsmen. He served the city as health officer. He is a member of the Dunkirk-Fredonia Medical Society, Chautauqua County Medical Society, New York State Medical Society, the Roman Catholic church, and the Knights of Columbus. In politics he is a Republican.

Dr. Ognibene married, Nov. 28, 1916, Sarah Guarino, of Buffalo. They have a son, Frank Anthony, Jr., born in Amsterdam, N. Y., March 14, 1918.

Dr. Ognibene has two brothers, Samuel and Peter, residing with their parents in Fredonia; a sister Josephine, a teacher in Buffalo schools; and four other sisters; Minnie, Mary, Jennie, and Lucy, residing at home.

**DAVID JOSIAH CLARK** belongs to that class of citizens who, undemonstrative and unassuming in their natures, form the character of the community in which they live. Mr. Clark has devoted his entire life to the lumber industry, and though he has engaged in many other enterprises he has always reverted to his original business. Mr. Clark, who is now living retired, is a veteran of the Civil War and a pioneer in the lumber industry of Chautauqua county. He was born in the town of Poland, Chautauqua county, N. Y., April 8, 1838, a son of Joseph Clark.

Joseph Clark (grandfather) lived in Otsego county, N. Y., near Schuyler Lake, where he engaged in the agricultural business. He married Hannah Wallace, and among their children was Joseph, of whom further.

Joseph Clark (father) was born in Otsego county, N. Y., on his father's farm, July 4, 1811. There he attended the district schools of that time, and after finishing his education he assisted his father upon the farm. Later he decided to strike out for himself in the business world and accordingly journeyed to Chautauqua county on foot, a distance of some 300 miles. Arriving in Poland township he found employment with Nicholas Dolph, a lumber man of some prominence, and with him remained for nearly seven years, receiving \$13 a month with his room board and laundry for his work. However, desiring to engage in business for himself, he bought large tracts of land in Poland and adjoining townships and also succeeded in buying more timber lands in Cattaraugus county. He cut the timber and rafted it down the Allegheny river to Pittsburgh and down the Ohio river to Louisville, where he soon found a market for it. Not satisfied with the progress he was



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making in the lumber industry he conceived the idea of keeping a hotel as another means of increasing his business interests. This he did, keeping a hotel first at Levant, which was known as the Levant Hotel, for seven years, later moving to Mud Creek Corners, where they located a post office and they called it Clark's Corners. Here he managed the A. H. Phillips Hotel, continuing in this occupation for nearly ten years. During this time Mr. Clark had increased his land holdings until he was the owner of about 700 acres of the best timber land in Chautauqua county, and after giving up the hotel business he engaged in the cattle raising and agricultural business and continued in this until his death which occurred at his home in Clark's Corners, Oct. 22, 1876. Mr. Clark died while still in the prime of life and his death was sincerely mourned by his family and many friends throughout Chautauqua county. He is buried in Myrtle Cemetery, Poland township, N. Y. Politically Mr. Clark was a Whig until the organization of the Republican party, of which he was a staunch upholder, though he never cared for office. In religious affiliation Mr. Clark was a Universalist and he and his family were prominent in the church of that denomination at Kennedy, N. Y. This was built as a union church, but the different denominations did not agree and it was sold to the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

On July 14, 1833, at Dolphville, in the township of Poland, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Mr. Clark was united in marriage with Abigail Hitchcock, who was born Dec. 26, 1819, in Poland township, Chautauqua county, N. Y., a daughter of John Hitchcock. Mrs. Clark's death occurred Feb. 29, 1898, and she is buried beside her husband in Myrtle Cemetery, Poland township. To Mr. and Mrs. Clark were born nine children, as follows: 1. Joseph L., born Oct. 21, 1835; he was a hotel landlord and lived in Chautauqua and Cattaraugus counties, N. Y. 2. David Josiah, of whom further. 3. Joel B., born Aug. 5, 1840; he was a soldier in the Civil War, in Company A, 112th New York Volunteer Infantry, a farmer, and died at Clark's Corners. 4. Caroline Melinda, born Nov. 13, 1842; she married Louis Rush, and died at Fluvanna, Chautauqua county, N. Y. 5. Egbert R., born March 13, 1845; resides in Jamestown, N. Y., and is engaged in the railroad business with the Erie railroad. 6. Samuel A., born Sept. 13, 1847; died at Clark's Corners, Chautauqua county, N. Y. 7. Hannah E., born July 21, 1850; married Revell Parks and died at Clark's Corners. 8. Abigail A., born Nov. 12, 1853, died at Clark's Corners in early girlhood. 9. Clyde A., born March 14, 1863; is residing in the State of Washington and is engaged in the lumber business.

David Josiah Clark obtained his early education in the district schools of Poland township. After completing his education he assisted his father in the lumber business, making his first trip on a raft down the river at the age of seventeen. He continued in business with his father, making as many as three trips down the river with rafts, until the Civil War was declared. He enlisted Aug. 2, 1862, in Company A, 112th New York Volunteer Infantry, under Colonel J. C. Drake and Captain John F. Smith. He served until the close of the war, being discharged with honorable mention from Washington, D. C., for bravery under fire at Raleigh, I. C., being mustered out of service at Buffalo, N. Y.,

July 1, 1865. Mr. Clark participated in nearly every battle that his company engaged in and was mentioned twice for bravery. He was in the hospital for four months with fever during the year 1863, but rejoined his regiment and fought with them until the close of the war.

After returning from the war he purchased from his father about 250 acres of farm land and for some time engaged in the agricultural business, but finding this occupation rather slow and not suited to his liking he sold back his land to his father and engaged in the lumber business for himself, rafting it down the river to the markets in Pittsburgh and Louisville. Later he took up lumber contracting, delivering the logs to the saw mills. Mr. Clark was for some time engaged in this business for M. L. Fenton & Company, both in Chautauqua county and South Valley township, Cattaraugus county, N. Y. Later he engaged in the same line of work for Lyman Mason, another well known lumberman of the Chautauqua county region, and was with him for four years, when he went with the Wheeler & Scudder, lumber manufacturers in South Valley, Cattaraugus county, N. Y., and continued working for them for nearly five years. Returning to Poland township, Mr. Clark bought the Cold Water Creamery and was for some time engaged in the manufacture of grade butter. Seven years later he settled in Falconer and with his son-in-law, P. B. Waite, conducted the Linden House for seven years under the name of Clark & Waite. In 1907 he gave up the hotel business and since then has lived retired, making his home in Falconer, Chautauqua county, N. Y. Mr. Clark is a member of the H. C. Sturdevant Post, Grand Army of the Republic, at Kennedy, N. Y., and is also a prominent member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mr. Clark has filled all the offices of both these organizations.

On Nov. 11, 1857, Mr. Clark married (first) Susan Wheeler, daughter of John and Julia (Love) Wheeler. Mrs. Clark's death occurred July 27, 1864, at Clark's Corners, and she is buried in Myrtle Cemetery, Poland township, N. Y. To Mr. and Mrs. Clark were born two children, as follows: 1. Alfred, who died in infancy. 2. David Josiah, Jr., born April 25, 1863; received his early education in the public schools of Poland township and Jamestown public school; taught four years in the public school at Falconer, and is now engaged in teaching; resides at Stillwater, N. Y. Mr. Clark married (second) Sept. 24, 1865, Coralinn Hunt, born at Clark's Corners, Aug. 7, 1848, daughter of Henry N. and Cynthia M. (Ives) Hunt. To this union was born one child, Bernice M., who became the wife of P. B. Waite; they are the parents of one child; they reside in Jamestown, N. Y.

Mr. Clark is an intense lover of the out-door world and particularly enjoys life in the woods whither his business so often led him, delighting to fish and hunt and being very expert in both these sports. He was an unusually good athlete and spent as much of his spare time as possible in pursuit of such pleasures, the wholesome character of which no doubt accounts for the excellent health which he has enjoyed throughout his entire life. A man of unbounded generosity, gentle and genial in his nature, Mr. Clark has gathered around him a circle of admiring friends who

feel honored by his friendship and proud of his success in life. His heart is ever in sympathy with the unfortunate and his hand ever ready to contribute to the alleviation of distress. His life is a happy illustration of the honor and rewards of business fidelity and industry, when combined with high principles and unswerving honesty. As a business man his character is unimpeachable and unclouded, and he adhered with staunch consistency to sound, conservative and unquestionable methods. His name is known among the highest circles of the business world as that of a man who can be trusted, and with whom it was a satisfaction to transact business. His life teaches the old and ever valuable lesson that success comes only through tireless industry, guided by a singleness of purpose. It emphasizes also the priceless value of unswerving loyalty to right, and the assured rewards of exemplary living.

**THEODORE D. HANCHETT**—Self-made in the truest sense of the word, successful in his business undertakings and aims, the career of T. D. Hanchett is an apt illustration of the value of character in the determining of the measure of success possible to attain. One of Jamestown's native sons, and through his long connection with the manufacturing business one of her best known manufacturers, educated in the public schools, trained in business methods by Jamestown manufacturers and in business in that city until his death, he was emphatically a Jamestown man, a true representative of that city, her institutions and her citizenship. Industry, thrift and perseverance marked his way through life, and to these qualities he added business ability of high order and an honesty of purpose that enabled him to avoid those business and moral pitfalls that abound in a large city to trap the unwary. He began life in a career of his own choosing, and during his years of service for others gained the capital and experience with which he later entered his own business. He was an energetic worker and devoted to his work, but when his day's labor was done his own fireside claimed him, and there most of his hours "off duty" were spent. He was most hospitable, loved to entertain in his own home his friends in social games and enlivening conversation, finding in such intercourse the keen enjoyment that flows from a charitable heart.

No man attained higher reputation than he for honorable dealing, and in the business world his friends were many. His promises or statements could always be relied upon, for he held his word sacred, and his excellent business judgment often enabled others to profit as well as himself. He gave close attention to the details of his large business, never dividing his energy, but holding closely to the one line of commercial activity he had chosen as his, that of manufacturer. Neither did he seek to hold public office nor allow fads or amusements to distract his mind from the great business of life, yet he was intensely public-spirited, every ready and willing to aid a good cause.

Theodore D. Hanchett was born in Chautauqua county, N. Y., Nov. 4, 1847, a son of William and Eveline Hanchett. He came to Jamestown when but one year old with his parents, and to the public schools of this city is he indebted for his early education. Later however, he took a course of study in the Jamestown

Academy, and after graduating from this institution in 1861, he entered the employ of Allen & Grandin. He remained with this firm for one year, but being offered a better position with the Breed-Johnson Furniture Company, resigned and entered their employ. In 1883 he entered the employ of Shearman Brothers, lounge manufacturers, as foreman of the woodworking department, a position which he held for five years, when he left to assist in the formation of the Jamestown Lounge Company. On Jan. 1, 1888, Mr. Hanchett, with Lynn F. Cornell, Arthur H. Greenlund, and the late Hurley L. Philipps, formed the Jamestown Lounge Company, which was gradually developed into one of the largest manufacturing industries of the city. The firm continued as a copartnership until Dec. 11, 1899, when the company was changed to a corporation with the following officers: H. L. Philipps, president; T. D. Hanchett, vice-president; A. H. Greenlund, second vice-president; L. F. Cornell, secretary and treasurer. In 1904 Mr. Hanchett was elected president and held that office until he retired from the lounge business in 1913, but at the time of his death was president of the Pearl City Veneer Company.

Mr. Hanchett was united in marriage with Charlotte R. Lamson, July 10, 1872. To this union were born four children, as follows: 1. Bertha V., born June 20, 1873. 2. Ralph Theodore, died in infancy. 3. Donald C., who resides at home, and who married Caroline L. Stumpf, a daughter of Henry Stumpf, a well known resident of this city; they are the parents of one child, Carolyn R. 4. Lucie R., born March 11, 1890, who is the wife of Marvin N. Gokey, of Jamestown, N. Y., and the mother of one child, Robert Marvin Gokey.

In politics, Mr. Hanchett generally voted on the Democratic ticket, but he wore no party collar, the character of a candidate and not a party emblem determining his vote. He was also popular in fraternal circles and was a member of the various Masonic bodies, including Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 145, Free and Accepted Masons, joining in 1883, and serving as master in 1892 and 1893; of Western Sun Chapter, No. 67, Royal Arch Masons, serving as high priest in 1894 and 1895; of Jamestown Commandery, No. 61, Knights Templar, serving as eminent commander in 1908; and of Buffalo Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. He was also a member of Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Buffalo. Mr. Hanchett and his family were also members of the First Baptist Church, they being prominent in all its social as well as business affairs. Mr. Hanchett served as a member of the board of trustees for many years, and was loved and respected by all who knew him.

Mr. Hanchett gave of his best to his City, State and Nation, and was one of the best known and most popular men in the community in which he lived, and when his death occurred Dec. 18, 1914, it left a gap in the social world as well as the business world that cannot be filled. He was a man of the most genial, open nature, and that sort of cheeriness which one instinctively feels that it flows from a charitable heart, a manly, courageous and gentle heart. It has been said of him by a friend that people turn naturally to his kindly, sympathetic personality as the flowers to the sunshine, and this indeed is an apt illustration of the manner in which strangers



were impelled to make his acquaintance, and acquaintance was speedily turned to the kind of friendship that does not fail. The occupation that he had engaged in brought him into contact with a great number of men of every class and type, and acquainted him with the motives that spring from human nature beyond the range of many, making him at once tolerant of his fellows and filling his memory with a thousand tales ever at his tongue's end, which made his a most delightful comrade. His home life too was ideal and he proved himself no less a loving husband and father than a true friend, a good neighbor and a model citizen. The true grief of his fellow-citizens at his death is shown in the following editorial which appeared in the Jamestown "Evening Journal," Friday, Dec. 18, 1914:

The death of Theodore D. Hanchett, which occurred this morning, following an illness of some months' duration, came as a sorrow to the business community, and to the people of the community generally where he spent his entire life in the activities that naturally attend the life of a forceful man of affairs.

Mr. Hanchett was one of the incorporators of the Jamestown Lounge Company, more than twenty-five years ago, and was an important factor in that manufacturing plant during the years of its rise from a small beginning into one of the great industries of the city. He devoted his time and talents unsparingly to its interests, and to him and his associates came the knowledge and satisfaction of achieving more than ordinary success in the strenuous competition found in establishing a modern manufacturing industry.

Always ready to do his part in that which had for its sole object the advancement of the interests of his home city or its people, he was not one who sought prominence in the affairs of the community. Ready at all times to respond to the call of duty as he saw it, he had no desire to pose as a leader or to win personal praise for that which he did.

In addition to his attention to the affairs of the big establishment with which he was concerned, Mr. Hanchett was devoted to his family, to his church, and to the Masonic fraternity, with which he was prominently identified. There were few men in that fraternity better grounded in the principles of Free Masonry than he. He believed earnestly in its teachings and exemplified in his life the high principles which it tries to inculcate into the lives of all its members. He had been master of Mt. Moriah Lodge, F. and A. M., high priest of Western Sun Chapter, R. A. M., eminent commander of Jamestown Commandery, Knights Templar, and had been advanced to the thirty-second degree in the mysteries of the order. He was for many years a member of the board of trustees of the First Baptist Church, and gave freely of his time and support.

Such men as Theodore D. Hanchett are an honor to the community in which they live, and are sincerely mourned and missed when they depart. They live to bless and to build up, not to destroy and tear down, and the city of Jamestown is the better and the richer because of the years that he spent here.

**FRANK L. KOLPIEN**—The subject of this review exemplifies in a remarkable degree not only the achievements of a man of great natural talent, but the wonderful possibilities whereby a poor boy can attain distinction in the community in a short period of time. The success of Frank L. Kolpien, known in the business world of Dunkirk, N. Y., as the president and treasurer of the O'Donnell Lumber Company, in all his undertakings is so marked that his methods must be of interest to the commercial world. He has always based his business principles and actions upon strict adherence to the rules that govern industry, economy and strict integrity. His progressive spirit has made him a typical American in every sense of the word, and he well deserves mention in a work treating of the business life and substantial development of Chautauqua county.

Frank L. Kolpien was born in Westfield, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Oct. 30, 1868, a son of Frank and Dora (Lahl) Kolpien. He received a meagre education in the district school near Forsyth station, and later supplemented this with a one-year course at Westfield Academy. He left school at the age of fourteen as he was obliged to go to work. For the first six years after leaving school he worked among the farms and vineyards in the townships of Westfield and Ripley, and then started his apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade, working at this until 1892, when he formed a partnership in contracting with Herman Hutchinson, this partnership continuing for a period of three years, at the end of which time he established himself in the same business and until 1907 carried on a very successful contracting business of his own, employing on an average thirty-five men at a time, and besides building two hundred residences in Dunkirk during these twelve years, he received contracts for the following buildings: Schools Nos. 1, 2, 4, and 5; the temple for the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; St. John's Lutheran church building; Beacon light and keeper's building on the pier; St. Hyacinth's Roman Catholic Church building; Weingort Hardware Company's building; additions to the Dunkirk Electric Light Plant; No. 4 Hose Fire House of the local fire department. In 1907 he bought his present business, the O'Donnell Lumber Company, of which he is the president and treasurer. He employs thirty-four people, has his own delivery equipment, and ships lumber to Western New York, Western Pennsylvania, Eastern Ohio, New York City, Washington, District of Columbia, Cincinnati and Cleveland, Ohio. This business which Mr. Kolpien has built up is of very great value in the development of Dunkirk. A man of singularly strong personality, he has exerted a deep influence on his associates and subordinates, and, toward the latter in particular, his conduct has ever been marked by a degree of kindness and consideration which has won for him their loyal support and hearty cooperation.

In politics Mr. Kolpien is a Republican, and has served one term on the local Board of Health, but the engrossing duties of his business take all his time and he has never since consented to hold office. His church is the Methodist Episcopal, and he has ever been an active member working in its cause, at present serving on the official board, and at the time of the erection of this new edifice he was chairman of the building committee. He affiliates with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and with the Masons, being a member of the Blue Lodge. During the World War he did his share as a citizen, giving of his time to serve on the various committees for the Red Cross and the Liberty loans, and was also a member of the Legal Advisory Board.

Mr. Kolpien married, Dec. 14, 1893, Alice Bolling. Mr. and Mrs. Kolpien are the parents of three children: 1. Alton L., who, while attending the University of Michigan, volunteered, April 17, 1917, and became attached to the Michigan State Militia; he was later taken into the United States navy and was transferred to the aviation corps, subsequently becoming instructor of small arm fire at Wakefield, Mass., Norfolk, Va., Baltimore, Md., and Pensacola, Fla., where he was commissioned ensign; he was then sent to Queenstown as chief pilot, and served in this capacity until the end of

the war; he is still in the service, being on the inactive list, but has returned to his studies at the university, from which place he will graduate with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1922. 2. Esther, a teacher in Long Island. 3. Alma, now attending a seminary at Louisburg, W. Va.,

Mr. Kolpien is in the best sense of the term a "self-made man." He has made his way up the ladder of success until he has become one of the most substantial and influential citizens of the community, whose life is inseparably identified with its general affairs. The simple account of his life, however, and the various activities engaged in, tell far more eloquently than any formal praise of the remarkable powers possessed by him, especially if it be remembered that his ardent, enthusiastic nature will not permit his undertaking anything which he is not prepared to do, any obligation which he does not observe to the fullest. His labors are great, but his powers are equal to their adequate performance.

**WILLIAM C. BRIGGS**—Probably the greatest compliment that can be paid a man is that he has made himself a credit to his nation in the great commercial world as well as a credit to the mercantile community in which he lives. Public-spirited to the highest degree, he is ever forward in encouraging enterprises which can in any way advance the interests of Jamestown and Chautauqua county. Such a man is William C. Briggs, who by his honorable exertions and moral attributes gained for himself all that a man could desire, friends, affluence and position. By the strength and force of his own character he overcame obstacles which to others less sanguine and optimistic would have seemed unsurmountable. His fertile mind wrought many measures for the ultimate good of the State, and as selfishness was never considered a fault of his, the citizens of the county have felt and will continue to feel the results of his untiring efforts for some time to come. He is rigidly honest in all his dealings with the business world, and in fact in all his relations in life, and through his geniality and sociability he has acquired numerous friends from all walks of life. In the estimation of those who know him, his calling and his competent manner in handling weighty affairs entitle his biography the same place in the history of Chautauqua county as that accorded those who have been eminent in the up-building of Chautauqua county.

William C. Briggs who, for a number of years past, was treasurer and general manager of the Chautauqua Towel Mills, but who is now living temporarily retired at his home at No. 404 East Fifth street, Jamestown, N. Y., was born in the town of Ellington, June 5, 1866, a son of Carey and Martha Ann (Staples) Briggs. Carey Briggs, son of Francis Briggs, was born in the State of Massachusetts, and was an agriculturist by trade. He married (first) Diana Gould, and the children by this union were: Clara D., who resides in Jamestown with her sister, Mrs. Arthur C. Wade; Frances, widow of Arthur C. Wade; Caroline, wife of Jerry Gifford, both of whom are deceased. Mr. Briggs married (second) Martha Ann Staples, and they were the parents of three children, as follows: Martha May, who resides in Jamestown; Charles, who died in infancy; and William C., see forward.

William C. Briggs, whose name is the caption of this article, obtained his early education in the public schools of Ellington, and after graduating from the Ellington school entered the high school of Jamestown, N. Y., being graduated from there with the class of 1888. Immediately after leaving the Jamestown High School, he began reading law in the offices of Cook, Fisher & Wade. However, after reading law one year, Mr. Briggs decided that he preferred a business life to a professional one at the bar, and accordingly he formed a partnership in 1889 with Fred E. Hatch, under the firm name of Hatch & Briggs, as druggists. Their place of business was located upon Third street, Jamestown, and there Mr. Briggs continued until 1902, when he disposed of his interest in the business and joined in organizing the Chautauqua Towel Mills, of Jamestown. Arthur C. Wade, Mr. Briggs' brother-in-law, was made president of the company, and Mr. Briggs was elected to the office of treasurer. This position he held until 1906, when he was elected general manager of the company as well. Mr. Briggs continued to hold these offices until 1919, when the business was sold out to a new concern, and since that time he has lived retired. Politically, Mr. Briggs is a staunch Republican, but never could be induced to hold office, preferring to devote his time and attention wholly to his home and business affairs. In religious affiliations, Mr. Briggs is a Methodist, and both he and his family are prominent in the church of that denomination in Jamestown.

On June 23, 1892, Mr. Briggs was united in marriage with Minnie Elizabeth Clement, who was born in Centerville, Pa., Oct. 18, 1869, a daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Thompson) Clement. Mrs. Briggs received her education in the Jamestown grammar and high schools, graduating from the latter institution with the class of 1888. Up to the time of her marriage, Mrs. Briggs was a teacher of Physical Culture and Elocution at the Jamestown High School. She was a prominent member of the Mozart and Browning clubs, a member of the Agnes Home Association, a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and the Clotho Society of that church. Mrs. Briggs, who died at her home, Oct. 1, 1919, was a woman of amiability and great mental attainments. Her true refinement and sweet personality raised for her a host of friends, and her death was mourned by all who knew her. She was a wise counsellor, sympathetic in difficulties, remarkable in comprehending a situation, reasonable and sound in her judgment. She was splendidly loyal and devoted to her church, and for many years she was the leader in all its good work. She was a woman of large benefactions; not only did she help substantially in all the departments of the church work, so that she was often called affectionately the "good angel" of the church, but her private charities were large. Hundreds if not thousands will rise up and call her blessed. She was a lady of the old school, full of dignity, sweetness and gracious womanhood. She believed in the great revelations of the gospel with all her heart and her life was an illustration of their teachings. Her memory is an inspiration and a benediction to all who knew her, and her death called forth many beautiful tributes, among which was one tendered by the Rev. and Mrs. Horace G. Ogden, who said in part:

A daughter of Jamestown, inheriting her best traditions, trained in her schools, moving in her best circles,







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an exemplar of all that is finest and highest in her life, has been called away as in the twinkling of an eye.

Possessed of a great love of the beautiful, she sought and found it everywhere, in nature and in human life. The birds and flowers, landscapes and skies, all contributed constantly to her life, and from art and literature and aspiring friends she perennially drew, to build more firm and true her own character. She was an adventurer after truth, and all her years followed the gleam, until it led her into the full-orbed Day.

This made her an ardent student. She pursued systematic courses of study and thus ripened into a woman of wide knowledge with a rare insight into the deeper realities of life. Robert Browning found in her an ardent admirer and illuminating interpreter because she brought to the study of his poems a spirit like his own, earnest and sincere, and a mind whose research and experience was fitted to understand and appreciate this poet of the inner life. And thus for her, life lengthened and joy deepened.

Mrs. Briggs steadfastly adhered to that which was good; she forever aspired; she had a keen sense of moral values and was ever quick to discern a lowering tendency in any movement of individual or community life. She was ethically sensitive; she knew what she believed and why, and once convinced of the right course was adamant in her adherence to it.

Because of these qualities, she was a real power in the community; many who knew her only in the chance occasional intercourse were conscious of her influence; to those few who were privileged to be her intimate friends she gave herself without reserve, and to-day they feel an irreparable loss in the removal of this powerful and loved personality.

Mrs. Briggs had a beautiful consciousness of God, and a vivid sense of His reality and abiding presence; she was a devout worshiper, humble, sincere and unafraid. She was a gentle woman, high-minded, pure, serene, considerate, thorough-going, a Christian in whom there was no guile.

Finally, the beauty of her home life was so perfect and sacred one may dare only to hint at it. "Twenty-seven years, lovers" was literally true for her and her husband. A companionship so complete, a love and understanding so deep, marked their life together, that to him, who so long had this unspeakable happiness, goes out not only sympathy in this great hour of his loss, but congratulations that the great gift has been his.

In Browning's "Pompilia" are found these lines which may be applied most fittingly to this rare and beautiful character:

"Through such souls alone, God stooping, shows sufficient of His light for us in the dark to rise by."

In closing this review of Mr. Briggs' life we may say that in private life he is greatly beloved by all who know him. Genial, whole souled and fond of a joke, his manners are frank and kindly. His success in life has in no way changed him, and this is a principal reason for his popularity. He fought his way to his present position, earnestly and manfully, thus becoming one of the best examples of a self-made man of our times, and has not forgotten the difficulties that beset his way. This probably is the reason that a tale of distress always finds him with a willing ear and a heart ready to alleviate suffering in all forms in which it is in his power to do so. His clean cut face clearly delineates his forcible character, and his contemporaries are glad to honor him as one of the leading citizens of Chautauqua county.

**PAUL De LANEY**—Still a young man as years are counted in the commercial world, Paul De Laney is the present executive head and general manager of The Paul De Laney Company, Incorporated, an enterprise created through his initiative and ability, and since its foundation he has been the inspiring, guiding and controlling head. His training was received in that great school of commercial methods—the Chicago dressed meat industry—fourteen years close adherence to which perfectly fitted him to conduct the manufacture of food

products which are prepared and sold under the trademark, "American Maid," by The Paul De Laney Company, Incorporated, of Brocton, Chautauqua county, N. Y.

Paul De Laney, son of Joseph R. and Sarah De Laney (now deceased), was born in Princeton, Mo., May 2, 1877. He was educated in the grade and high schools of Cameron, Mo., class of 1894. Later he was a student in Atchinson, Kan., pursuing advanced courses, completing his education in the year 1900. In 1901 Mr. De Laney commenced his business career with the Cudahy Packing Company of Chicago, in the capacity of salesman. He remained with that company fourteen years, during which time he gained the perfect confidence of the officials of the corporation, which confidence was expressed by the constant increasing of his responsibilities and position. In 1915 he organized The Paul De Laney Company, Incorporated, for the manufacture of quality food products, establishing the plant at Brocton, N. Y., in the heart of the Chautauqua county grape belt. The corporation has developed into a very important one, its \$2,000,000 capital being invested in a large, modern factory plant, with the latest and best equipment, where "American Maid" foods are prepared and shipped to customers from coast to coast, including, also export business. The offices of the company occupy a separate building, and in the construction of both office and factory full emphasis has been laid on the features so essential to the rendering of efficient service, viz., light, sanitation, modern equipment throughout; also, a careful observance of all conditions that lead to the general welfare of a people banded together to produce food products. Factory buildings are of steel, concrete and brick, their walls enclosing a floor space of 124,000 square feet. The value of the company's investment is shown by the amount of insurance carried—\$760,000. The average factory payroll of the company numbers 240 men and women. The success of the enterprise, now (1920) in its fifth year, is due to its wise management and the spirit of true cooperation with which Mr. De Laney has inspired his associates.

In political faith Mr. De Laney is a Democrat. He has taken little part in public affairs beyond exercising the obligations of citizenship, having concentrated his entire energies upon the fulfilment of his business responsibilities. During the World War he was the deeply interested, patriotic American, aiding in all the activities of that period, the various "drives" receiving his personal support and encouragement. He is interested in other forms of business activity, and has banking connections in Chautauqua county and in Buffalo. In religious faith he is a Roman Catholic and a member of the Knights of Columbus. His standing in the community is due not alone to his business prominence, but for the public-spirited interest shown in regard to any matter concerning the public welfare.

Mr. De Laney married, June 26, 1907, Elizabeth K. Robbins, of Belfast, Me. Mr. and Mrs. De Laney are the parents of five children—one son, Rhoderick, and four daughters: Devon, Mary and Lillian Ruth (triplets); and Pauline. The family home is in Brocton, Chautauqua county.

Mr. De Laney has won his way to responsible position through native ability, optimism, determination, and the

application of sound business principles. The manner in which he has solved his problems and risen to success should prove both an example and an inspiration to the young man who would have a part in twentieth century business life.

**ERNEST JOHN BAILEY**, one of the leading residents of Brocton, Chautauqua county, N. Y., a successful building contractor who has to his credit many large contracts, has advanced far in material wealth, and at the same time has held the sincere respect of the people of the county who have known him under all conditions. He has manifested commendable characteristics, is a man of distinct business ability, and has exhibited a praiseworthy public-spirit, and a practical desire to help on the wellbeing of the community in general, and the poor and needy in particular. In business enterprise, he has been very successful, and has many consequential associations; he has for two decades had a contracting business which has found employment for a considerable number of men, has taken part in the establishment and direction of other important manufacturing concerns and is vice-president of the Brocton Furniture Company.

Ernest J. Bailey was born in Charlotte Center, Charlotte township, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Oct. 27, 1868, the son of John J. and Barbara (Beha) Bailey, or Ballay, as the family is known in France, wherein is the original family seat. Ernest John Bailey is French in both paternal and maternal antecedents, the paternal line originating in Champagne, and his maternal ancestors being from Alsace-Lorraine, provinces of France. The patronymic, as originally spelled, was Ballay, and the American progenitor of the branch of the Ballay family to which Ernest John Bailey belongs was of that name, and it is not clear why the name became changed in spelling. It probably was wrongly written in real estate deeds, to substantiate the title to which the heirs took the Americanized version of the French patronymic. However that may be, the family in America has for some generations been known by the name of Bailey.

Ernest John Bailey was born on a farm, and in due time attended the district school nearest to his father's farm, after passing through which he seems to have commenced working at farming occupations quite early in his teens. By such work he accumulated sufficient means to carry him through business college, where he gained the fundamentals of executive work which were later of inestimable value to him in the management of his own important enterprises. He perhaps had mapped out his career well in advance, and knew the various steps by which sound success would come. He apprenticed himself to carpentry, serving an apprenticeship of five years, and later for six years was a journeyman carpenter, by which time he was thoroughly conversant with most phases of building construction. By steadiness of life, and by industrious continuance in work during the years, he had by that time acquired some financial means, sufficient at all events to induce him to enter independently into business as a builder and contractor. He had come to Brocton in 1893, and had worked as a carpenter upon many contracts in that place, so that he was comparatively well known in the village when he started in contracting business for himself in 1900. During the almost two decades to the

present, he has had very substantial success as a contractor, and has to his credit the erection of many important buildings. Many of the fine residences of that section of Chautauqua county have been built by him, and among the buildings of public institutions and business corporations constructed by Mr. Bailey may be listed the following, all of which do credit to his thoroughness as a builder: The Brocton State Bank building; the Ahira Memorial Library building, Brocton; the Crandall building, Brocton; the Bailey building, which is a very fine structure, and used mainly by Mr. Bailey for his own business offices; the Norquist Metal Door Company plant, at Jamestown, a huge building; additions to the American Loco Works, and to the Atlas Crucible Steel Company plant at Dunkirk; construction work for the Buffalo and Lake Erie Traction Company, including the car barns at Fredonia, and all the stations with the exception of two between Buffalo and Erie, Pa.; the Court House at Mayville, Chautauqua county; the Church of Christ at Chautauqua; the Chautauqua High School; the Falconer High School; the Jamestown Grammar School; the Sherman Library; the Armour Grape Juice Company headquarters at Westfield, Chautauqua county; the gymnasium and other additions to the Normal School at Fredonia; some of the building of the Redwing Grape Juice Company, Fredonia; warehouses of same company at Fredonia; the Memorial Hospital at Lilly Dale; the St. Hedwig Roman Catholic Church at Dunkirk; and the plant of the Brocton Furniture Company; in addition Mr. Bailey has also undertaken many important building contracts outside Chautauqua county. He has during the period given employment to an average of about 140 workmen. It may therefore be inferred that, with moderate success, he must have acquired an appreciable degree of material wealth during the many years he has spent in consequential business as a contractor. As a matter of fact, he has been universally successful, for he knew his business thoroughly before committing himself to independent work. And latterly, as a capitalist, he has been brought into connection with many other outside enterprises. He owns stock in many manufacturing corporations in Chautauqua county; Mr. Bailey is one of the largest stockholders of the Brocton Furniture Company, of which he is vice-president.

Politically, Mr. Bailey is an independent Democrat, but has been too busy with business affairs that needed almost his undivided attention to have much time to spare for participation in political movements, and he has never allowed himself to consider the thought of taking public office. He has, nevertheless, always been closely interested in local affairs, and has been ready to lend his support to any worthy local project. Religiously, the Ballays are Roman Catholics; that is to say, the French family was of the Roman Catholic faith, although Ernest J. Bailey has not followed in that church. In fraternal affiliations, he has been faithful and is identified particularly with the Masonic order. He has risen to the thirty-second degree in the order, and is a member of the following: Blue Lodge of Brocton; the Chapter, Council, and Commandery, of Dunkirk; the Buffalo Shrine; and the Consistory of Jamestown, also of Buffalo.

On Sept. 12, 1900, Ernest John Bailey married Ruth







HIGENBROADT FAMILY REUNION AT ELLINGTON 1905



Hall Pettit, grand-niece of Ahira Hall, whose genealogy will be found elsewhere in this historical work. To Mr. and Mrs. Bailey have been born three children: Kathleen Elizabeth, now in high school; Angeline Sarah, twin sister of the first-named, and also a high school student; Florence Edith, who also attends the local school.

The business success of Ernest John Bailey has been notable, especially so, bearing in mind that it has come to him entirely by his own efforts, and he has a definite place among the worthy Chautauqua county people of his generation.

**HENRY RAPPOLE**—Nearly nine years have elapsed since Henry Rappole, farmer, veteran soldier, and public official, passed to his reward, but his memory is green and will forever live in the history of his native county and adopted city, for he served them both in important position. The Rappoles came to Chautauqua from Eastern New York, the first of the name, Adam Rappole, coming to the town of Ellery, when virgin timber covered most of the fertile farms of the town. Adam Rappole was the father of Henry Rappole, to whose memory this review of a worthy life is dedicated.

Adam Rappole, born in New York State, came to Chautauqua county after the close of the War of 1812, and settled on a 100 acre tract of timber land in the town of Ellery, his tract a part of the original Holland Land Purchase. Adam Rappole built a house from the logs felled on his own property, and in course of time the forest fled before his axe, and cultivated fields followed, and there he lived a general farmer and stock raiser until his death in 1860, at the age of sixty-six years. He is buried in Bemus Point Cemetery. He married Elizabeth Rice, and they were the parents of eight children: Nancy, married Aaron Klock, and died in the State of Illinois; John, died at the old homestead in Ellery; George, died in the State of Wisconsin; Mary, married William Rooker, of Ellery; Electa, married Orsenne Richards; Frank, died in Iowa; Henry, of further mention; and a child who died in infancy. Mrs. Rappole, who was a member of the Presbyterian church, died at the farm in Ellery, and is buried with her husband in Bemus Point Cemetery.

Henry Rappole, youngest son of Adam and Elizabeth (Rice) Rappole, was born at the homestead in the town of Ellery, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Oct. 27, 1833, died in the city of Jamestown, Jan. 25, 1911. He attended the county district schools of Ellery and spent his years of minority on the farm as his father's assistant. After attaining legal age he engaged in lumbering, rafting logs down the rivers to mills below. Later he bought seventy acres in Ellery township, which he improved and later added to until he 112 acres, which he conducted along the lines of general farming, also maintaining a dairy department and raising stock. The even current of his life was broken in 1862 by the War between the States, 1861-1865, and on Sept. 12, 1862, he enlisted in the Seventh Company, First Battalion, New York Sharpshooters, under Captain Arnold. Mr. Rappole was appointed corporal, then sergeant, but at the battle of the Wilderness his misfortunes began, a shot so disabling his left hand and arm that amputation was necessary. He

spent several weeks in the hospital, then was honorably discharged and mustered out of the United States service.

With his empty sleeve, Mr. Rappole returned home, and until 1879 engaged in farming. In that year he was elected superintendent of the county poor for Chautauqua county, an office he held for six years through five successive annual re-elections. In 1882 he sold his farm in Ellery, and henceforth made Jamestown his home. He was a member of the Jamestown police force for several years, then was elected city treasurer, Oscar Price at that time being mayor. He held the office of treasurer three years, and then retired to private life, leaving a record of efficiency and devotion to duty highly creditable. Prior to coming to Jamestown he had served the town of Ellery as assessor and collector of taxes, and in every position held he gave to the duties involved the most careful attention and to the fullest extent of his ability served his constituency. He held exalted ideas of citizenship, and in all things measured up to the full standard of a man. He was a member of James M. Brown Post, Grand Army of the Republic, of Jamestown; member of the Union Veteran Legion; and in religious faith connected with the Methodist Episcopal church. He is buried in Lakeview Cemetery, Jamestown.

Henry Rappole married, in Mayville, N. Y., July 5, 1855, Celina Carpenter, born in Pittstown, Rensselaer county, N. Y., died in Jamestown, April 18, 1920, at the age of eighty-two years, ten months and twelve days, daughter of Stephen R. and Prudence (Brownell) Carpenter, her parents old settlers of the town of Ellery. On July 5, 1905, Mr. and Mrs. Rappole celebrated the golden anniversary of their wedding day, and six years longer they trod life's pathway together ere their paths separated, and the wife was left to walk alone. Mrs. Rappole was one of the oldest residents of the city, a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and the Woman's Relief Corps. She was a woman of strong Christian principle, and in the home which Mr. and Mrs. Rappole erected and maintained so long, love and happiness reigned. Their children were: Frances E., who died in childhood; and Nora R., married Frederick L. Bush, of Jamestown, representative of the Fleischmann Compressed Yeast Company; they have a daughter, Frances E., wife of William G. Ritzer, of Jamestown, and they have a daughter, Eleanor Jane Ritzer.

Said the Jamestown "Evening Journal" editorially, Jan. 25, 1911:

In the death of Henry Rappole another worthy veteran of the Civil War has gone to his reward. Like thousands of other gallant boys of fifty years ago, Henry Rappole responded to the call of his country for men to preserve the Union and defend the honor of the Stars and Stripes. After serving faithfully through the war and leaving a good arm on a Southern battlefield, he returned to home and friends in Old Chautauqua, where he had lived an honorable life, taken his part in the affairs of the day, faithfully performing the part assigned to him as citizen and public official. As superintendent of the poor of Chautauqua county, as a member of the local police force, as treasurer of his city for a number of years, Mr. Rappole served his fellow-citizens honestly and capably, leaving as a heritage to his wife and daughter an untarnished name, and to his comrade-in-arms the memory of a courageous soldier, and a courteous and genial companion.

**DELOS J. EIGENBROADT**—At the end of a long and useful life covering a period of seventy-two years, spent entirely in the village of Ellington, Delos

J. Eigenbroadt passed away, leaving behind him the record of a well spent life distinguished by industry and integrity.

Prior to the Revolution Peter Eigenbroadt came to this country, probably from Germany, and settled at Palatine Bridge in the Mohawk Valley. His son, George Eigenbroadt, a soldier of the Revolution, was the father of Daniel Eigenbroadt and grandfather of Delos J. Eigenbroadt, to whose memory this review is dedicated.

Daniel Eigenbroadt was born in 1810, and died in 1899. He moved from the Mohawk Valley to Chautauqua county in 1832, settled in the village of Ellington and there started a blacksmith shop. He followed his trade for several years, then added a general store business to his activities, being assisted by his sons. Mr. Eigenbroadt married (first) Phoebe Helmick, born in 1811, died in 1838. He married (second) Lovina Todd, born April 14, 1819, died March 1, 1895, a member of the Bela Todd family of Cassadaga, Chautauqua county, N. Y.

Delos J. Eigenbroadt, son of Daniel and Lovina (Todd) Eigenbroadt, was born at the homestead in Ellington, Chautauqua county, N. Y., June 22, 1841, and died at his home adjoining his store, Dec. 11, 1913. He attended the village public school and Ellington Academy, but his education came largely through reading and contact with the business world. In boyhood he worked in his father's blacksmith shop and general store, the latter business, however, making a stronger appeal to him he eventually assumed the responsibility of the store management. Upon the death of Daniel Eigenbroadt, the eldest son, Lafayette, took over the blacksmith shop and Delos J. became owner of the store. He had entered the business when a youth of sixteen; he "marked his first bill of goods," and at the time of his death in his seventy-second year was regarded as one of the successful merchants of Chautauqua county. He greatly developed the business and became both widely and favorably known as a man of enterprise and integrity. He built a brick block with dwelling attached next door to the homestead. Mr. Eigenbroadt was a Democrat in politics, but was never actively identified with political life, regarding the successful conduct of his private business as calling for his entire attention. Yet he did not live selfishly and was freely consulted by his neighbors on matters of grave importance. He continued in business until the last, and closed his useful life honored and respected by all who knew him; his acquaintance was a very wide one.

Mr. Eigenbroadt married (first) March 3, 1870, Augusta H. Stockwell, who died in 1886, leaving an adopted daughter, Belle Todd Sherman, who married Edwin D. Lines, of Jamestown. Mr. and Mrs. Lines are the parents of three children: Jessie Augusta, Stephen V. R., and Janet. Mr. Eigenbroadt married (second) Jan. 1, 1900, Clara Goulding, of Ellington, who survives him, daughter of Burr and Sarah (Morse) Goulding. She has no children, but since being left a widow has adopted a daughter, Eleanor Colvin, born November 9, 1912. Mrs. Eigenbroadt successfully conducted the business left to her management until 1916, when she disposed of it to the George B. Waith Company. She has proved herself a woman of good business ability, and with it has a public-spirited interest in her village. During the World War period she was very active in support of the lib-

erty loan and other "drives," as town chairman of the Fourth and Victory Loans, contributing a great deal toward their success. She is widely known and highly respected.

**ABRAHAM WILSON DODS, M. D.**—Fredonia has no citizen whom she respects more highly than the man whose name we have just written. Not only is Dr. Dods eminent in his profession, but its engrossing cares and widespread interests have never rendered him unmindful of the claims of his home community.

Abraham Wilson Dods was born Jan. 27, 1854, in Dingwall, Scotland, a son of Thomas Palliser and Katharine (Wilson) Dods, the former a farmer and land agent. When Abraham Wilson Dods was one and a half years old the family moved to Hexham, Northumberland, England, where the boy attended district school from four to eight years; private grammar school until the age of twelve; private boarding school in Sunderland until sixteen. He was then apprenticed to a farmer for two years, and at the end of that time, in 1872, emigrated to the United States, settling in West Charlton, Saratoga county, N. Y. After working for one year as a farmer, Mr. Dods entered Fredonia Normal School, graduating in 1875, in the classical course, and then spent one year at Syracuse University, following this with another year at the New York Homœopathic Medical College, New York City. He then matriculated in the Chicago Homœopathic Medical College, graduating in 1878 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. During his last year he served as interne in Hahnemann Hospital. It is eminently worthy of note that such was Dr. Dods' desire for a medical education that, though a young man with his way to make in a new country, he did not hesitate to incur, in order to attain his ambition, an amount of debt which would have appalled a man of less indomitable will power. In 1878 Dr. Dods began practice at Silver Creek, Chautauqua county, remaining until 1884, when he went to Scotland and took a post-graduate course in surgery at Edinburgh University. In 1885 he established himself at Fredonia, where he has continuously practiced ever since, but now limits his work exclusively to surgery, in which he has been extremely successful, earning a most enviable reputation. He is surgeon at Brooks Memorial Hospital, Dunkirk, N. Y., and holds the same position with the New York Central Railroad Company.

Politically Dr. Dods is an independent Republican. During the World War he served the Home Defense Reserve Corps as medical examiner for Dunkirk-Fredonia Draft Board, District No. 1. He is a member of the American Medical Society, the American Institute of Homœopathy, the New York and New England Association of Railway Surgeons, the New York State Medical Association, the New York State Homœopathic Association, the Homœopathic Association of Western New York, the Chautauqua County Medical Association, the Fredonia and Dunkirk Medical Association, and the Volunteer Medical Service Corps. He affiliates with Forest Lodge, No. 166, Free and Accepted Masons, of Fredonia, and Westfield Chapter, No. 239.

Dr. Dods married (first) Dec. 12, 1878, Aura, daughter of John N. and Nancy (Le Barr) Porter, of Brocton, N. Y., and they became the parents of three children: 1. John Palliser, attended Fredonia public and



*William Dods.*





high schools, and then spent two years at Phillips Academy, Andover; in 1908 received from Cornell University the degree of Mechanical Engineer, having worked his way through the institution; was a member of the 'Varsity Crew, 1905-06; has been with Blue Book (automobile) since 1908; is now western manager in Chicago; married Annette Bruce, of Boston, Mass., and they have two children, John and Annette. 2. Katharine Wilson, educated in Fredonia grammar and high schools; married R. I. Mulholland, of Dunkirk; they have two children, Marcia and Katharine. 3. Marcus, educated in Fredonia grammar and high schools, Fredonia Normal School, and the Peddie Institute; died in 1917, at the age of twenty-seven. Mrs. Dods passed away in 1909. Dr. Dods married (second) September 18, 1911, Helen T. Jones, of Fredonia.

In the character of Dr. Dods are combined the best traits of the Scotsman with many of the distinctive qualities of the American, acquired in the course of an almost lifelong residence in the New World. When Scotland sent Abraham Wilson Dods to the United States she gave us the material for an eminent surgeon and a public-spirited citizen, true alike to the land of his birth and the country of his adoption. Would that old Caledonia might send us many more of the same type.

**MARTIN PRENDERGAST WHALLON**—The characters of a successful farmer and a faithful public official are combined in Mr. Whallon, of Mayville, who now holds the office of supervisor. This good citizen takes a lively interest in all that concerns the welfare of his community, and is active in its social and fraternal circles.

Martin P. Whallon was born Jan. 17, 1870, in Mayville, and is a son of William Murray and Martha (Prendergast) Whallon, both members of families long resident in Chautauqua county and township. The education of Martin P. Whallon was received in the public schools of his native town which he attended until 1887, when he went to Wisconsin and entered Racine College, where he took the regular course, but did not graduate, and then for a time studied, under private tuition, the principles of commercial law and business. In 1889 Mr. Whallon returned to Mayville, where for five years he conducted a wholesale harness establishment. At the end of that time he decided to devote his entire time and attention to agricultural pursuits, being the owner of two farms, one of which he inherited from his father's family and the other from his mother's. Mr. Whallon is perhaps the only man in Chautauqua county who derives his land, originally, from the Holland Land Company. A detailed history of this organization may be found on another page of this work. In the cultivation of his farms, which he accomplished by the most enlightened methods, Mr. Whallon was eminently successful and to their management he still pays constant attention. The deeds for the land are now in his possession. Politically Mr. Whallon is a Republican, and in 1913 was elected supervisor of his township. So satisfactory was the manner in which he performed his duties that he is still retained in the office, his present term expiring in 1921. He affiliates with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a member of the Protestant Episcopal church of Mayville.

Mr. Whallon married, Nov. 20, 1894, on the grounds of

the Chautauqua Institution, Mary G., daughter of C. G. and Alice (Porter) Herrick, and they are the parents of one son, William, born July 6, 1897, who was educated in the public schools and high school of Mayville, and in the late war enlisted in the army. He is now the assistant of his father in the management of the farms. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Whallon is one of the most attractive in Mayville. During his school days Mr. Whallon was quite an athlete and he still takes a great interest in fishing, hunting, baseball and all outdoor sports.

Martin P. Whallon is one of the men who count in his community, not only because he is a leading farmer and the incumbent of a public office, but mainly because in both these capacities he has sought to develop the best interests of his township and to minister to the truest welfare of his friends and neighbors.

**SIMEON WILLIS PARKS**, son of Simeon and Elizabeth (Curtiss) Parks, was born in Wells, Vt., Sept. 18, 1810, and died in Jamestown, Aug. 21, 1883. At the age of fourteen years, he came to LeRoy, N. Y., where for six years he made his home with his brother, Elisha Parks. In 1830, a youth of twenty years, he moved to Mina, Chautauqua county, where he became a clerk in the mercantile establishment of J. R. & S. B. Keeler; he remained in the employ of this firm until 1834, when, having been licensed to preach, he resigned his position and for four years traveled a circuit as a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church. At the expiration of this time, his health, never robust, became seriously impaired, and he was forced very reluctantly to relinquish his office. In 1838 Mr. Parks located in Jamestown, where the remainder of his life was spent. From November of that year until 1851, he was associated with Zalmon G. Keeler in general merchandise business. He continued dealings in general merchandise, clothing and furniture, part of the time with partners and part of the time independently until 1878, when he retired from active business life. His interest in public affairs was broad and sympathetic. In 1855 he was supervisor of the town of Ellicott. He was greatly interested in educational work, and for many years served as town school commissioner, and later rendered valuable assistance in the organization of the public schools, then known as the Jamestown Union School and Collegiate Institute, and was frequently referred to as the "father of the Union School system" in Jamestown. He was a member of the Board of Education from the organization of the school until 1878, and for several terms was president of the board. Mr. Parks was a man of culture, keen and progressive, and in many ways was in advance of the thought of his time. He devoted both his time and his talents to the great causes of temperance and anti-slavery, and was often heard upon the lecture platform in support of his views.

On June 26, 1838, Mr. Parks was united in marriage to Anna Maria Carter, of Randolph, N. Y., who died Jan. 20, 1889. They were the parents of five children: 1. Mary Elizabeth, married Robert T. Hazzard (deceased) and resides at Lakewood, N. Y. 2. Charles Edwin, a resident of Jamestown, N. Y. 3. Annette Maria, married C. Perry Harris (deceased); her death occurred at Jamestown, Nov. 24, 1919. 4. Willis Simeon, died May 6, 1881. 5. Ella Augusta, lives at the family home in Jamestown.



**SHERMAN B. VANDERVOORT**, president of the Vandervoort Supply Company, and Service Coal and Coke Company, wholesale coal, of Jamestown, N. Y., which companies are leading ones in the line of building supplies and coal, has lived in Jamestown practically all his life, being only a year old when his parents moved to that city. He was born in Buffalo, N. Y., Aug. 25, 1881, the son of Charles R. and Sarah A. Vandervoort. Charles R. Vandervoort brought his family to Jamestown in 1882, and has since been a constant resident much respected and responsible. He has been identified with the Broadhead Worsted Mills for many years.

Sherman B. Vandervoort received his academic education in Jamestown schools, attending the grammar school for the elementary grades, and eventually graduating from the high school. He had decided to take up a professional life, and as his natural inclination was to engineering he took the technical course at the Allegany College, eventually becoming a civil engineer. In 1907, as elsewhere recorded in this historical work, he formed business partnership with Walter Griggs, of Jamestown, and as the Hollow Stone Company the partners began to manufacture cement blocks. Mr. Vandervoort acquired the interest of Mr. Griggs in the business and incorporated it under the name of the Vandervoort Supply Company, an account of which follows. In 1916 was formed the Service Coal and Coke Company, distributors of anthracite and bituminous coal, of which Mr. Vandervoort is sole owner; the business is strictly wholesale; the enterprise has been very successful, and at the present time (1920) is handling a large tonnage.

Mr. Vandervoort is an excellent business man, and has many sincere friends in Jamestown. He is always ready to assist, personally or financially, in any public project having for its object the betterment of conditions within the city, or the ultimate advancement of the city. He belongs to the Jamestown Board of Commerce, and the Jamestown Builders' Exchange, of which organization he is secretary. Socially, he is a member of the Jamestown Club, and of the Bradford Club, at Bradford, Pa. He is an ardent sportsman, and interested in the conservation of game, and as such is a member of a sportsman's organization. Fraternally, Mr. Vandervoort is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and religiously, he is an Episcopalian.

On April 1, 1918, at Buffalo, N. Y., Mr. Vandervoort married Lucile Baker. They have one child, Sherman B., Jr.

**THE VANDERVOORT SUPPLY COMPANY**, Jamestown, N. Y., of which incorporated company Sherman B. Vandervoort is president, and C. R. Vandervoort is secretary and treasurer, was established in 1907 as a co-partnership under the name of the Hollow Stone Company to manufacture and sell cement blocks for building purposes. The partners were Walter Griggs and Sherman B. Vandervoort, and they operated a plant on Celron road, Jamestown. In 1911 the plant was removed to the Erie Freight House, on East Second street, and in that year Mr. Vandervoort acquired the interest of Mr. Griggs. The consequent reconstruction of the firm brought many changes; the company took on corporate existence, under the trading designation of the Vandervoort Supply Company, and with an authorized capital

of \$5,000. The manufacture of cement stone was discontinued, and the company aimed to considerably develop its business in building supplies. In 1912 the company again moved its plant and supplies, locating at Monroe and Clinton streets and Isabelle avenue, and in 1915 added coal to its line of trading. Since then the company has purchased the L. F. Shedd Estate, upon which is located a large coal elevator, the only one in Jamestown, and with their two yards the company now has the largest coal yards in Western New York State. The Vandervoort Supply Company has had satisfactory development, and in 1916 its increased volume of trading caused its principals to increase its authorized capital from \$5,000 to \$50,000, which may indicate the extent to which Mr. Vandervoort has developed the business since the direction of its affairs passed, mainly, into his hands.

**EBBIE PIERSON SHORES**—In the little village of Irving, in the town of Hanover, in the extreme northeastern corner of Chautauqua county, E. Pierson Shores was born, a son of Ebenezer Pierson Shores, his birth occurring two months after his father's death, at Irving, a little village on the railroad, and naturally the lad was attracted to the tracks of the Lake Shore, and the constant association implanted a desire to become a railroad man, an ambition he realized; at the time of his death he was a freight conductor on the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railroad, meeting instant death while in the discharge of his duties. He was a man highly esteemed by all who knew him and held the perfect confidence of the railroad officials under whom he served, always ready, willing and exact in the performance of every duty assigned him.

Ebenezer Pierson Shores was a shoemaker by trade, and for several years was postmaster of Irving, Chautauqua county, N. Y., where he died in April, 18'6. He married Anna Insley Mott, who was born in England, and at the time of her marriage to Mr. Shores was the widow of Thomas M. Mott. She died at the home of her son, Ebbie P. Shores, in Lackawanna, N. Y., and is buried in the cemetery at Hanover Center. The family were attendants of the Protestant Episcopal church.

Ebbie Pierson Shores was born in Irving, town of Hanover, Chautauqua county, N. Y., June 8, 1866, and was instantly killed at Brocton, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Aug. 19, 1918. His father's death antedated the birth of his son by two months, and the absence of a providing head of the family early threw responsibilities upon the lad. At the age of fourteen he left public school to enter the employ of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railroad as water boy with a section gang. Later, he became himself a section worker, and in course of time was made a section foreman. On Aug. 4, 1890, having gone through a course of preparatory study, he passed successfully an examination in Buffalo, which qualified him to act as railroad brakeman. He was a brakeman on the eastern division of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern for twelve years until Nov. 25, 1902, when he was promoted to the position of freight conductor of the same division. For sixteen years he continued a conductor, with the exception of one year as passenger conductor, always running freight trains.

Mr. Shores met his death at Brocton, N. Y., instantly and without warning. His crew were making up his



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train, and duty calling him he crossed the railroad track just in time to be struck by a rapidly moving freight car, which was being drilled into position in the train. He was taken to his home in Silver Creek, and then laid at rest in Glenwood Cemetery there. He was a member of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, and the Lake Shore Mutual Association, an attendant of the Protestant Episcopal church, and faithful to every duty as he saw it. Mr. Shores married, Sept. 26, 1893, Margaret E. Schneider, daughter of John B. and Mary Ann (Zimmerman) Schneider, of Syracuse, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Shores were the parents of five children: Francella, married Howard Armbruster, and resides in Dunkirk, N. Y.; Henrietta, married Stanley Boor, and resides at Silver Creek; Harry; Ebbie John; and William N. Mr. Shores was devoted to his family and was happiest in his home. Mrs. Shores and the children are members of the Roman Catholic church of Silver Creek.

**AUGUST P. OLSON**—This family name, originally Olsen, was changed to Olson by August P. Olson after his coming to Jamestown, and so he always wrote it. In later years his daughter, Ellen J., the talented entertainer, reader, and impersonator of Shakespearian roles, reverted to the original spelling, Olsen. August P. Olson was for nearly half a century a resident of Jamestown, N. Y., coming to that city a young man, thoroughly skilled as a cabinet maker and worker in wood. About 1874 he entered Jamestown's business life as an exclusive manufacturer of tables, and at the time of his death, forty-five years later, was president of the Diamond Furniture Company, and recognized as one of the able business men of his city, and one who had materially aided in its upbuilding. He was the son of Jens Olsen, a farmer, located on the island of Bornholm, Denmark, at the time of the birth of his son, August P. Many Danes settled in Jamestown upon coming to this country and there aided in creating a city of homes and manufactories. Although upon first coming to the United States Mr. Olson did not locate in Jamestown, he came a little later, and from his coming until his death in 1919, made that city his home and business headquarters. While he became an intense and patriotic citizen, and served with all the zeal of a native son, he never lost his interest in and love for his native land.

August P. Olson was born on the island of Bornholm, Denmark, Aug. 22, 1849, died in Jamestown, N. Y., Aug. 5, 1919. He obtained a good education in the Danish schools, and learned the cabinet maker's trade, continuing in Denmark until nineteen years of age. In 1868 he came to the United States, locating in Titusville, Pa., where he was engaged at his trade until his coming to Jamestown, where in 1874 he began business for himself as a manufacturer of tables. His was the first exclusive table manufactured in Jamestown, Mr. Olson's little plant being located in the old Wood building that stood upon the site of the later Warner building. Making tables of a superior quality, the Olson tables quickly found a place in the furniture market, and in 1878 Mr. Olson found it advisable to admit a partner and enlarge the scope of his business. He found the partner in the person of John Love, also of Danish birth, and a man of fine mechanical and business ability. The business was conducted under the firm name of A. P. Olson & Company for many years, and through the good judgment, fore-

sight, and energy of the partners, was a success. The slogan of the company was "best material and workmanship," and on that foundation a business was built that has endured for nearly half a century, constantly increasing in volume. The little plant was succeeded by a large factory built at the corner of Taylor and Fillmore streets, and when the business outgrew the resources of the two men, the Diamond Furniture Company was incorporated, but was controlled by Mr. Olson and Mr. Love. As a corporation the business has continued its prosperous course, and although the strong arm of the founder has been withdrawn, John Love, his able associate of forty years standing, retains the office of vice-president, although he has practically retired. But both men left able sons, whom they trained in the business, Louis A. Olson and Henry F. Love, the former being trained in the selling department, the latter in the offices of the company, and both contributed largely to the success of the company.

Through their long business career as manufacturers, Messrs. Olson and Love maintained the most cordial and satisfactory relations with their employees, who, in turn, were invariably loyal to the interests of their employers. Each partner gave personal attention to the details of his department and both being men of conservative nature and inspired by a common interest, there was no friction in the management, but the best of feeling always existed between the two men. Early in the twentieth century, Mr. Olson visited his old home in Denmark, and while abroad informed himself as to the actual conditions in foreign markets. He continued the active executive head of the Diamond Furniture Company until his death.

Mr. Olson married, in Jamestown, Ida Johnson, born in Gottenburg, Sweden, who died April 12, 1896, daughter of Jesse Johnson. They were the parents of three children who, deprived of a mother's care when young, found in their father a loving friend and tender, faithful guardian. Children: 1. Louis A., who, after finishing his education, became a travelling salesman in the employ of the Diamond Furniture Company; he now resides in Detroit, Mich. 2. Ellen J., who was educated in the Jamestown public schools, and the Curry School of Expression in Boston, and became a public reader and entertainer, covering in her varied repertoire a wide range of subjects from the light sketch or ballad to Browning and Shakespeare. The principal numbers in her repertoires are: "Julius Caesar;" "The Merchant of Venice;" "Much Ado About Nothing;" Browning's "A Blot in the 'Scutcheon,'" and Lovell's "Ingomer." She impersonates the leading characters in these plays, and every recital is given from memory, entirely without the use of notes. Miss Olson married, May 8, 1913, Alfred Holmes, born in Copenhagen, Denmark, who came to Jamestown, N. Y., in October, 1909, and is an architect. They are the parents of a son, Ernest L. Holmes. 3. Evelyn Isabel Olson, who is a graduate of the Jamestown (N. Y.) High School, class of 1906, and was her father's housekeeper up to the time of his death; she is now associated with the Art Metal Construction Company and resides at the old home, No. 63 Barrett avenue, Jamestown.

The Jamestown "Journal," at the time of the death of Mr. Olson, said editorially:

Death has removed another important figure in the development of the industries of Jamestown, August P. Olson, the head of the Diamond Furniture Company.

who has been honest and earnest in his efforts for the betterment of the conditions of the men in his employ, and for the advancement of the best interests in Jamestown as an industrial centre and a place of residence. The community has lost an earnest worker and a good man in the passing of A. P. Olson.

**HENRY SALEM EDMUNDS, M. D.**—There are few names so well known in the medical profession, especially among the younger and rising physicians, as that of Dr. Henry Salem Edmunds, of Fredonia, Chautauqua county, N. Y., who has established himself in the forefront of his profession in this region and has won the respect and admiration alike of his professional colleagues and the community-at-large.

Dr. Edmunds was born Feb. 8, 1883, on a farm at Sheridan, N. Y., and is a son of Walter A. and Minnie E. (Daniels) Edmunds, old and highly respected residents of Sherman, where the former is the owner of the Sherman Steam Mills, one of the largest concerns of its kind in the western part of the State. The Edmunds family is an exceedingly ancient one, not only in this country but in the Old World, the members of the family being able to trace their descent back to the time of William the Conqueror, their ancestor having come over with that Monarch from Normandy to England in the year 1066, A. D.

The elder Mr. Edmunds located at Sherman, N. Y., when his son was about nine years of age, the latter having begun his elementary education at the public schools of Sheridan. He continued his studies at the similar institutions of Sherman and graduated from the High School there in the class of 1902, having been prepared for college. He had by that time determined upon the medical profession as a career in life, and with this end in view entered the medical department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, from which he was graduated with the class of 1908, taking his medical degree. He then entered the hospital in connection with the University of Michigan, where he served for a time as interne, and later held the same position at the Shenango Valley Hospital at Newcastle, Pa. Upon completing this period of apprenticeship, he returned to his native region and began the practice of his profession at Sinclairville, Chautauqua county, where he remained six years and made for himself an enviable reputation. His next move was to Cassadaga, where he practiced medicine until the entrance of America into the World War. He volunteered his services in April, 1917, being one of the first physicians to do so, and was commissioned on June 30, following. Dr. Edmunds was then sent to Fort Benjamin Harrison, where he studied at the Officers' Training Camp for five weeks, and was then ordered to Kelley Field, San Antonio, Tex., the famous aviation camp. After remaining four weeks there, he brought his squadron to Mineola, L. I., where after remaining three weeks they embarked for England. Here they were quartered at Southampton until their removal to France, the unit landing at Havre in that country. From Havre they were sent to Clermont, where Dr. Edmunds was appointed surgeon to the Seventh Aviation Center, where he superintended the building of the Base Hospital. He was next appointed surgeon to the Officers' Training Camp Hospital and for some time occupied the position of chief surgeon at this post. From there he was sent to Valbonne, in the neighborhood of Lyons, where he was

connected with the Valbonne Hospital, and still later was sent to Advance Depot No. 1, in Isle-Sur-Tille. At the latter place he superintended the construction of a 1,000 bed hospital. He also saw service on many operating teams and remained at this point until he himself became a casual, having been gassed in March, 1918. He was not, however, seriously injured on this occasion and was soon at work again, but was once more gassed, Sept. 22, 1918, this time with almost fatal results, and was sent to Base Hospital No. 17, at Dijon, where he remained from Sept. 23, to Oct. 3. On the latter date he was sent to Base Hospital No. 20 at Beau Dessert, where he was also a casual. By this time, however, he was back in active duty and so great was the press of work that it was necessary for him to operate and care for the wounded in spite of his own hurt, the hospital being crowded at that time with the injured from the front. He had charge of two of the largest wards in the hospital and remained actively employed there until he was finally sent back to the United States as adjutant in charge of 2,500 wounded men. He landed at Hoboken, N. J., Dec. 17, 1918, and was sent to the Base Hospital at Camp Merritt, where he did Evacuation Hospital Work, in charge of the sending out of the wounded men to their various State hospitals when they were able to be moved, although still a casual himself. Dr. Edmunds was then sent to the United States Army Hospital No. 1, as a casual, and received a thirty-day furlough, and spent the month of Jan. 6 to Feb. 6, 1919, at home. He then reported back to Base Hospital No. 1 and was honorably discharged from the army there on Feb. 15, 1919. He was sent, however, by the Federal Board of Rehabilitation to New York City, where he remained under observation until July 21, 1919. On Sept. 1, 1919, he came to Fredonia, and has here purchased a beautiful house on Temple street. He has once more resumed practice and has already won wide recognition for himself. Dr. Edmunds specializes in surgery, in which his work at the front has given him such wide experience, and he is familiar with all the latest surgical methods, many of which have been developed purely as a result of that experience. Dr. Edmunds is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and in politics is an independent Republican. He is affiliated with a number of important organizations here, fraternal and otherwise. He is a member of the American Legion, composed of the veterans of the Great War; Silivan Lodge, No. 303, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of Sinclairville; Buffalo Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Council, Royal and Select Masters; Commandery, Knights Templar; Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and Buffalo Consistory, Sovereign Princes of the Royal Secret, and has taken his thirty-second degree in Free Masonry. He is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and holds the rank of past noble grand of Cassadaga Lodge. Besides his private practice, Dr. Edmunds holds the position of medical examiner for the Mutual Life Insurance Company, the New York Life Insurance Company, the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company of New York City, the Prudential Life Insurance Company of Newark, the Order of Maccabees, the National Protective League, the Northwestern Life Insurance Company, and a number of beneficial companies in this region.

Dr. Edmunds married (first) Kathrine Fraucis, by

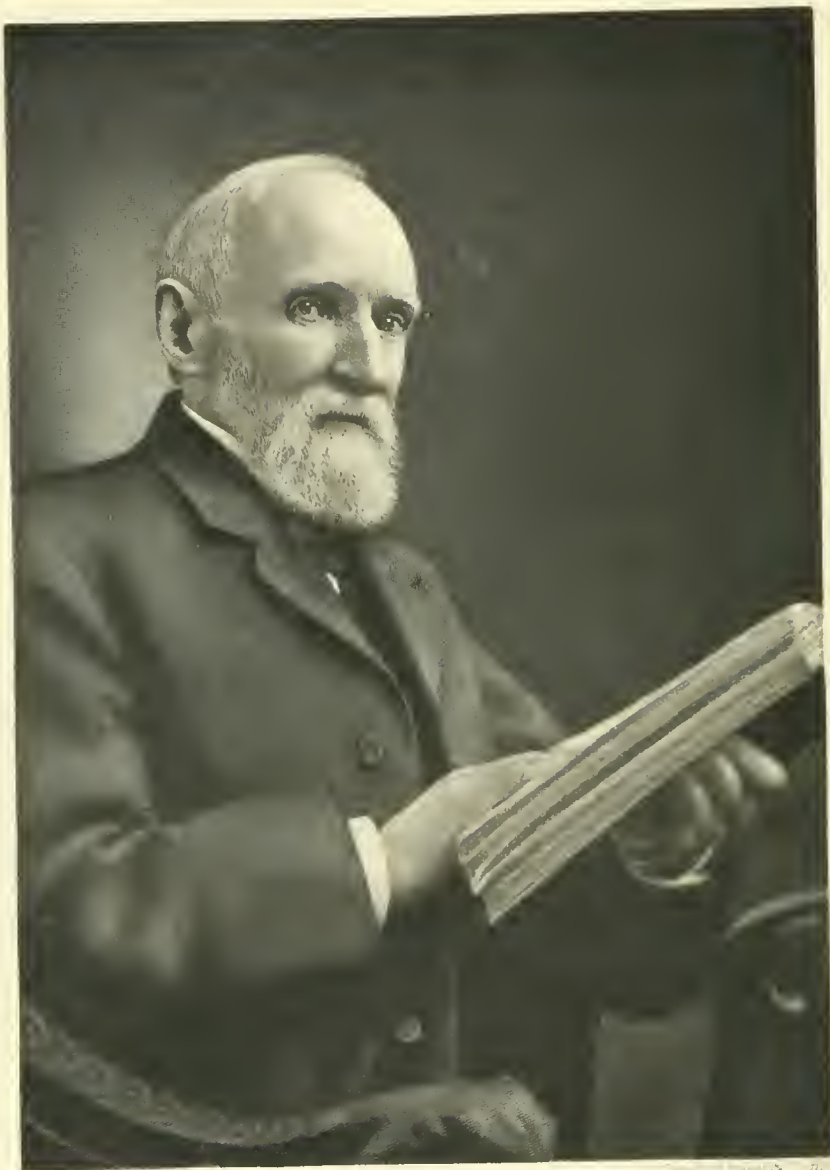


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whom he had two children, Frances Helen and Margaret. He married (second) Nov. 24, 1909, at Corry, Pa., Mable A. Mead, a daughter of Dr. James and Sada (Bushnell) Mead, old and highly respected residents of that place, where Dr. Mead died Dec. 13, 1918. Two children have been born of this union, as follows: Richard Mead and Dorothy.

**HARRY BROWN THOMPSON**—The Forestville "Free Press," the medium through which Harry B. Thompson has made himself best acquainted with Chautauquans, was founded by Edward L. Husted in February, 1891, Mr. Husted having previously founded the Sinclairville "Spectator." Twelve years later the "Free Press" passed under the control of Harry B. Thompson, who has successfully guided its destinies as editor and publisher for seventeen years, 1903-1920. Mr. Thompson began his career in journalism with the opening of the present century, his early experiences as a reporter being a fitting preparation for the post he has ably filled. He is a son of De Hart and Orlantha (Brown) Thompson, his father formerly a well known merchant of Sinclairville, N. Y.

Harry Brown Thompson was born in Sinclairville, Chautauqua county, N. Y., March 23, 1874. He was educated in Sinclairville grade and high schools, Chamberlain Academy, Randolph, N. Y., Alleghany College, Meadville, Pa., and Erie Business College, Erie, Pa. He was variously employed during his early manhood years, but in 1900 entered upon his career as a journalist as a reporter on the Randolph "Register," at Randolph, N. Y. He spent three years as a reporter with the "Register," then was for a time otherwise engaged, but in 1903 became editor and publisher of the Forestville "Free Press," a weekly publication founded in 1891 and conducted by Edward L. Husted through its first twelve years of life.

The "Free Press" under the editorial and business management of Mr. Thompson has steadily grown in circulation and influence, and circulates freely in the four townships of Arkwright, Villenova, Sheridan and Hanover, while in Forestville it is a welcome visitor in three-fourths of the village homes. It is an eight page newspaper, appearing every Friday from a well equipped printing plant, which also includes a job printing department. In politics the "Free Press" is Republican. The local reporters and assistants are Mrs. H. B. Thompson and Helen R. Barnard.

Mr. Thompson is also the head of another prosperous business, writing fire, life, liability, theft, auto and tornado policies, known as the Forestville Insurance Agency. This business was established in 1865 by S. W. Reynolds and now represents such leading companies as: The Hartford, Home, Aetna, Continental, Great American, Globe; London, Liverpool and Globe, North America, Phoenix, Franklin, Connecticut, Springfield Fire and Marine, and the National Liberty. The business of the agency has greatly increased under Mr. Thompson's management and is the leading business of its kind in that section of the county. He is also interested in the Commercial and Improvement Association of Forestville, which he serves as secretary.

Mr. Thompson married, at Auburn, N. Y., April 30, 1901, Elhara A. Coe, daughter of George and Sarah Ann (Mixer) Coe, of an old Steamburg, Cattaraugus county, family.

**JOSEPH NELSON**—The business which Joseph Nelson and his brother Robert founded in Dunkirk, N. Y., in 1850, under the trade name, Joseph Nelson & Company, wholesale jewelry and silverware dealers, is notable as the oldest in its particular line of all firms in the United States operating under a firm name. Joseph Nelson, after his brother's resignation from the firm, continued the business until his retirement late in life. His three sons-in-law, Henry F. Vander Voort, James Lyman van Buren and J. Franklin Gilbert, were taken into the business by Mr. Nelson during later years. Mr. Vander Voort resigned from the business before Mr. Nelson's death and went to Buffalo to conduct a similar business of his own. After Mr. Nelson's death the two sons-in-law, Messrs. van Buren and Gilbert, continued the business until their own death and since that year, 1916, the name of this well known firm became extinct. This house operated all those years under the same name, Joseph Nelson & Company. Joseph Nelson built into warp and woof a name and reputation for the house, and for himself a character beyond reproach.

Of ancient Scotch Covenanter blood, his Nelson forebears fled from Scotland in the days of religious persecution and settled in the North of Ireland, whence came that famed Scotch-Irish people, so many of whom came in early days to the American colonies. Joseph Nelson's grandmother was a descendant of John Knox, Scotland's great reformer. His parents were Joseph and Mary Jane (Gilbert) Nelson, of Dromore, County Down, and Banbridge, Ireland. Joseph Nelson, the father, was a noted clock maker, his specialty the olden time "Grandfather's clock," many of which were sent to the United States. He was also a manufacturing jeweler, and taught the business to his sons. His wife, Mary Jane Gilbert, was the daughter of a divine of the Scotch Covenanter church, Rev. Adam Gilbert, D. D., who became a Presbyterian after the merger of the denominations. Joseph and Mary Jane (Gilbert) Nelson were the parents of four children: Robert, Ann, Joseph and Gilbert. Robert and Joseph came to the United States, as did their sister Ann, this review following the career of Joseph.

Joseph (2) Nelson was born in Dromore, County Down, Ireland, Aug 7, 1832, died in Dunkirk, N. Y., June 28, 1909. He obtained a good education, and from an early age was allowed to become familiar with the details of his father's business, displaying marked aptitude. After the death of Joseph and Mary Jane (Gilbert) Nelson, their children, Robert, Ann, Joseph and Gilbert, disposed of the jewelry business and all other property pertaining to the estate and came to the United States, arriving in Dunkirk, N. Y., May 4, 1850. The brothers at once established in business along the same lines their father had so successfully followed in Ireland and for several years they prospered, but as retailers only. They then decided to become wholesale jewelry dealers and dissolved partnership, Robert establishing in Toledo, Ohio, Joseph continuing under the firm name, Joseph Nelson & Company. The latter built up a strong business house, admitting later his sons-in-law, Vander Voort, van Buren and Gilbert, but he continued himself the active head of the business up to the time of his death.

For more than half a century he was a pillar of strength to the First Baptist Church of Dunkirk, although he was reared in the Presbyterian faith of

his mother. But he liberally supported all Christian organizations and benevolences, and was most public-spirited and progressive, supporting all forward movements, civic and moral. He was devoted to his home and family, belonging to neither club nor fraternity. He was a man who won public confidence to an unusual degree, and when the time came to show him a final mark of respect all business houses of the city stood closed during the funeral hour.

Joseph Nelson married, in the town of Sheridan, Chautauqua county, N. Y., June 29, 1858, Julia Ann Bartholomew, born in Sheridan, Dec. 12, 1840, daughter of Henry and Isabella (Patterson) Bartholomew, her father of New England birth but from boyhood a resident of Chautauqua county. Joseph and Julia Ann (Bartholomew) Nelson were the parents of four daughters, as follows: 1. Isabelle Bartholomew, married John Franklin Gilbert, whom she survives (q. v.). 2. Leah, married Henry Vander Voort, and has three children: Hildegard, Joseph Nelson, Henry Ferdinand Vander Voort. 3. Julia, married James Lyman van Buren, whom she survives (q. v.). 4. Josephine, died in infancy. Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Gilbert and Mrs. van Buren continued their residence in Dunkirk after widowhood. Mrs. Julia Ann (Bartholomew) Nelson survives her husband, and resides at Dunkirk where she is held in the highest esteem.

(The Bartholomew Line).

This surname was derived from the ancient Hebrew or Syriac personal name Bartholmai, modified in Greek and Roman spelling. Like the other names of Christ's Apostles, Bartholomew came into use as a baptismal name in every Christian country even before the use of surnames.

The Bartholomew family in England appears to date back to the origin of the use of surnames. The ancient coat-of-arms: Argent a chevron engrailed between three lions rampant sable. One branch of the family bears this: Or three goats' heads erased sable. Crest: A demi-goat argent gorged with a chaplet of laurel vert.

John, Robert and Richard Bartholomew were living about 1550, in Warborough, Oxfordshire, England. Robert and Richard were brothers, and from the fact that John's son was an overseer of Richard's will it is inferred that John was a brother also. They were land owners, church wardens and men of consequence in the community. They frequently used the term, "alias Martyn," after Bartholomew, presumably having adopted the name of a maternal ancestor, as was frequently the case, to secure an inheritance. Oliver Cromwell's name is given in early records alias Williams, his maternal ancestors being of the Williams family.

(I) John Bartholomew lived in Warborough, England. He married there Alice Scutter, who was probably his second wife.

(II) John (2) Bartholomew, son of John (1) Bartholomew, married in Warborough, Margaret Joyes. He was made overseer of his uncle Richard's estate in 1577. His four sons apparently all settled in the neighboring towns of Oxford and Burford. Children: John, baptized June 19, 1556, married Ales Vicarage; Rowland, baptized Dec. 5, 1561, died 1587; Richard, twin of Rowland, buried in Burford, April 29, 1632; William, of whom further.

(III) William Bartholomew, son of John (2) Bartholomew, was baptized in Warborough, Feb. 7, 1567, and buried May 6, 1634. He settled in Burford, where he was a mercer, a dealer in silks and woolens. His will was dated April 25, 1634. He married Friswide, daughter of William Metcalfe, mayor of New Woodstock, a neighboring town. She was buried in Fulbrooke, Dec. 10, 1647. Children: Mary, married, June 28, 1620, Richard Tidmarsh; John, inherited his father's estate and business, and died Nov. 15, 1639; William, of whom further; Henry, born 1606-07, died Nov. 22, 1692, in Salem, Mass.; Richard supposed to have died in London, or on a return trip from London to Massachusetts; Francis, baptized in Burford, Feb. 13, 1613-14; Thomas, baptized June 30, 1616; Abraham, died in Burford, March 22, 1646-47; Sarah, baptized April 14, 1623.

(IV) William (2) Bartholomew, son of William (1) Bartholomew, was born in Burford, England, 1602-03. He received a good education. He went to London, and married Anne, sister of Robert Lord, afterward his next neighbor in Ipswich, Mass. Before September, 1634, he had entertained the famous Anne Hutchinson at his London home. On Sept. 18, 1634, he arrived in Boston, Mass., in the ship, "Griffin," in the same company with Anne Hutchinson, Rev. John Lothrop and others. He was admitted a freeman, March 4, 1634-35, and at the same time was given permission to trade with vessels at Ipswich, where he settled. He received several grants of land there in 1635, and was deputy to the General Court the same year, serving again in 1636-37-41-47-50. He was often on the jury, was commissioner, town clerk, assessor, selectman, treasurer of the county, and often on important committees. He removed to Boston about 1660, and in 1662 was overseer of the mill of William Brown, of Boston. He is called a merchant of Boston. He died in Charlestown, at the home of Jacob Green, Jan. 18, 1680-81. His grave is in the Phipps Street Cemetery, Charlestown, near that of John Harvard, the founder of Harvard College. His wife Anne died in Charlestown, Jan. 29, 1682-83, and her gravestone is still standing. Children: Mary, married (first) in Gloucester, Dec. 24, 1652, Matthew Whipple, (second) Jacob Greene; Joseph, born about 1638, resided in London, England, in 1693; William, of further mention.

(V) Lieutenant William (3) Bartholomew, son of William (2) Bartholomew, was born at Ipswich, 1640-41, and died in the spring of 1697. He learned the trade of carpenter, and settled first in Roxbury. He sold his Roxbury land in 1676-77, and removed to Deerfield, Mass., where he bought the home lot of Peter Woodward. At the time of the raid of the Indians on Hatfield, Sept. 19, 1677, he was there with his family. His daughter Abigail, aged four, was among the captives taken to Canada and was ransomed eight months later. In 1679 he removed to Branford, Conn., where he was granted twenty acres of land, built a saw mill and kept an ordinary inn. He was elected surveyor and fence viewer. In 1687 the town of Woodstock requested him to build a mill in their town and offered him a grant of land. He was commissioned ensign of the new Roxbury company, as Woodstock was then called, July 13, 1689, and in 1691 became lieutenant. In 1692 he was the first deputy to the General Court from Woodstock. He died in Woodstock, in 1697. He married, in Rox-







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bury, Dec. 17, 1663. Mary Johnson, born April 24, 1642, daughter of Captain Isaac and Elizabeth (Porter) Johnson, granddaughter of John Johnson, who held the title of "Surveyor of all ye King's armies in America." Her father was killed in the Narragansett fight, Dec. 19, 1675, as he was leading his men over the bridge (a fallen tree) into the enemy's fort. Children: Isaac, born Nov. 1, 1664, died Oct. 25, 1727; William, born Oct. 16, 1666; Mary, born Oct. 26, 1668; Andrew, of further mention; Abigail, born Dec. 8, 1672, married (first) Jan. 11, 1691-92, Joseph Frizzel, (second) 1709, Samuel Paine, died 1732; Elizabeth, born March 15, 1674-75, married, Nov. 21, 1699, Edmund Chamberlain; Benjamin, born about 1677; John, born about 1679; Joseph, born about 1682.

(VI) Andrew Bartholomew, son of Lieutenant William (3) Bartholomew, was baptized Dec. 11, 1670, in Roxbury. He managed his father's mills in Branford after the latter's removal to Woodstock, and after his father's death owned and operated them in company with his brother Benjamin. On Jan. 11, 1711-12, the property was divided and Andrew bought large quantities of land in Branford, Wallingford and adjoining towns. He removed to Wallingford before 1729, and continued there the remainder of his life. He was a leading citizen, and often held positions of trust. He was admitted to the church there in 1701. He married Hannah Frisbie, who died Feb. 2, 1741, daughter of Samuel Frisbie, of Branford. Children: 1. William, born Feb. 2, 1699. 2. Susannah, born Feb. 4, 1701-02. 3. Hannah, born Aug. 17, 1704; married, Nov. 19, 1724, Joseph Barker. 4. Samuel, born Sept. 12, 1706, died 1795. 5. Daniel, born Oct. 16, 1708, died Oct. 25, 1777. 6. Rebecca, born March 28, 1712; married, Oct. 19, 1732, Peter Hall; died Oct. 3, 1791. 7. Rev. Andrew, born Nov. 7, 1714; graduated at Yale College, 1731; was settled minister at Harwinton, Conn., Oct. 4, 1738, and continued as pastor thirty-five years. 8. Timothy, born Feb. 28, 1716-17, died April 27, 1749. 9. Joseph, of further mention. 10. John, born Feb. 8, 1723-24. 11. Martha.

(VII) Lieutenant Joseph Bartholomew, son of Andrew and Hannah (Frisbie) Bartholomew, was born in Branford, Conn., May 6, 1721, and died in Wallingford, Conn., Oct. 27, 1781. He marched on the Lexington Alarm of April 19, 1775, and served eight days. His commission of lieutenant from the General Court placed him in command of all the men in town subject to military duty. He married Jan. 13, 1741, Mary Sexton. Children: Hannah, Andrew; Joseph, died young; Jonathan; and Joseph, of further mention.

(VIII) Joseph (2) Bartholomew, son of Lieutenant Joseph (1) and Mary (Sexton) Bartholomew, was born in Wallingford, Conn., in 1748, and died April, 1821. His farm was on what was called "Whirlwind Hill," now known as East Farms, in Wallingford, a large part yet owned in the family. He married (first) Martha Morse, who died about 1781; married (second) about 1784, Damarius Hall, who died Nov. 6, 1819. Children, first three by first wife: Isaac, married Lydia Curtis; Levi Moss, married (first) Lucy Ives, (second) Amelia Potter; Joseph, of further mention; Samuel, married (first) Sylvia Hood, (second) Hannah, widow of Stoddard Neal; Ira, married Eunice Hall; Orrin, married his second cousin, Emmeline Bartholomew.

(IX) Joseph (3) Bartholomew, son of Joseph (2) Bartholomew, was born in Wallingford, Conn., settled in New York State, first at Sheridan, where he was an early settler. The tract of land he purchased was virgin wilderness, but he erected a log cabin, cleared a farm and prospered. He lived and labored there the remainder of his life. He married, March 18, 1804, Julia Howd. Children: 1. Eliza, married Harry H. Parker. 2. William, died aged nineteen years. 3. Polly, married Harry Hall. 4. Sylvia Ann, married Ives Andrews. 5. Stephen Decatur, died young. 6. Almon, died aged nine years. 7. Henry, of further mention. 8. Joseph, a prominent dry goods merchant of Dunkirk; married (first) Cornelia Horton, (second) Elizabeth Pearson. 9. Nelson, built and managed the Dunkirk Opera House; died unmarried. 10. William A., died unmarried. 11. Stephen Decatur (2), married Julia E. Allen.

(X) Henry Bartholomew, eldest son and seventh child of Joseph (3) and Julia (Howd) Bartholomew, was born in Wallingford, Conn., June 7, 1818, and died in Dunkirk, N. Y., Nov. 3, 1871. He came to Sheridan, N. Y., with his father, and for several years followed farming. He then removed to Dunkirk, where he was a successful manufacturer of boxes of various kinds. In his later years he retired from business and returned to Sheridan, residing on a farm of about 300 acres, where his last years were spent, afterwards dying in Dunkirk. He married Isabella Patterson, born in Oneida county, N. Y., July 7, 1819, died 1854. Children: A son dying in infancy, and three daughters, namely: 1. Julia Ann, married Joseph Nelson, (q. v.) 2. Mary, married (first) William A. Post, a captain in the Civil War, killed while employed on the Erie railroad as engineer; child, William A. (2) Post; she married (second) Charles Van Wagner. 3. Helen Isabella, married William L. Slater, of Dunkirk, now a resident of Jamestown.

**JOHN FRANKLIN GILBERT**—Although born in Ohio, Mr. Gilbert spent his adult years in Dunkirk, N. Y., where from the age of eighteen he was connected with one of the sterling business houses of the city, Joseph Nelson & Company. He was a grandson of Samuel and Susannah Gilbert, of Cornwall, England, who came to the United States, he in 1840, and his wife in 1843.

Henry Gilbert, son of Samuel and Susannah Gilbert, learned the cabinetmaker's trade in Cornwall, England, where he was born about 1815. He came to the United States in 1842, settling first in Ravenna, going thence to Loudonville, Ashland county, Ohio. In Loudonville he was councilman and member of the School Board, and about 1850 there married Elizabeth Sprague, born in Loudonville, daughter of William Jasper and Rebecca (Jones) Sprague. They were the parents of a large family, their second child a son, John Franklin Gilbert, whose career is herein reviewed.

John Franklin Gilbert was born in Loudonville, Ohio, June 30, 1854, and was there educated. At the age of eighteen he located in Dunkirk, N. Y., where he secured a position in the wholesale jewelry house of Joseph Nelson & Company. He rose rapidly to a responsible position with that house, and until his death was closely identified with it, it being one of the oldest in Dunkirk and for many years the only wholesale house in the city. After his marriage in 1896 Mr. Gilbert was ad-

mitted to a partnership, and from 1910 until his death in 1916 he was head of the firm. He was an excellent business man, sterling in character, and universally liked and esteemed. His life was a successful one, and his years of manhood were years of usefulness. Mr. Gilbert was a member of the Masonic order, affiliated with Dunkirk Lodge, No. 76, Free and Accepted Masons; Dunkirk Chapter, No. 25, Royal Arch Masons; Dunkirk Council, Royal and Select Masters; Dunkirk Commandery, No. 7, Knights Templar; and Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Mr. Gilbert married, at Dunkirk, Oct. 15, 1896, Isabelle Bartholomew Nelson, eldest daughter of Joseph and Julia Ann (Bartholomew) Nelson, of Dunkirk (q. v.). Mr. Gilbert died in Dunkirk, July 28, 1916, aged sixty-two years and one month. Mrs. Gilbert survives her husband. She is a member of the Church of Christ (Scientist), having joined the Mother Church in Boston in 1907, after experiencing a healing from a severe nervous condition which had caused her great suffering for years and baffled the best physicians of New York and Paris. She was one of the organizers of the First Church of Dunkirk; was for several years its First Reader, and her example and influence has aided in building up a strong church in Dunkirk.

**JAMES LYMAN VAN BUREN**—Although the career of James L. van Buren closed at the age of forty-three years, they had been from boyhood years of constant activity, and he had attained unusual business prominence and was one of Dunkirk's substantial and highly esteemed citizens. He was a son of James Henry van Buren, and a grandson of Henry Broadhead van Buren, the last named a native of Pompey, N. Y., who in 1825 located in Dunkirk, Chautauqua county, N. Y. James H. and Henry B. van Buren, young men, established a mercantile business in 1826 or 27, and were long well known general merchants of Dunkirk. In 1827 they moved into the east store of a new brick block, subsequently becoming interested in a line of boats from Dunkirk. Henry B. van Buren was the first insurance agent in the village, and there died, in 1872, aged sixty-nine.

James Henry van Buren was born in Dunkirk in 1831, and there spent his life, and died Aug. 9, 1889. He was associated with his father in the insurance business and later became general agent for one of the leading New York companies, a position he held for over a quarter of a century, being one of the oldest general agents in the State. He was also general agent for the Connecticut Fire Insurance Company of Hartford, for the State of New York. A Presbyterian in religion, he served the church in Dunkirk as an elder, and in his political faith was a Republican.

Mr. van Buren married, in 1856, Lydia Beecher Coleman, born June 8, 1837, died Oct. 8, 1872, daughter of Trueman Rowley Coleman, born in Connecticut, later a merchant of Ellicottville, in Cattaraugus county, treasurer of the county, 1846-47; moved to Dunkirk in 1854, and established the Lake Shore Bank, of which he was president until his death, Aug. 18, 1884. Mr. Coleman married, at Ellicottville, April 21, 1831, Sophia M. Beecher, and their fourth child was Lydia Beecher Coleman, wife of James Henry van Buren. She was a member of the Episcopal church.

James Lyman van Buren was born in Dunkirk, N. Y., April 8, 1867, died at his home on Central avenue, in his native city, Feb. 26, 1910, and was buried in Forest Hill Cemetery, Fredonia. He was educated at Dunkirk Academy, and at the age of nineteen began his business career as a clerk in his father's insurance offices. In 1888 he had so developed as an underwriter that he was admitted to partnership, and when a year later his father passed away the son succeeded him as head of the business and largely increased the lines carried, representing at one time eighteen companies, life, fire, accident and liability. Finally he withdrew from the insurance field and became associated with his father-in-law, Joseph Nelson, of Joseph Nelson & Company, wholesale jewelers. Mr. van Buren developed strong qualities as a merchant, and to his energy and ability the success of the company was in a large measure due. After the death of Joseph Nelson the business was continued by Mr. van Buren until his own death in 1910. He died in the prime of his splendid manhood, honored and respected by all who knew him. As a mark of respect and a testimonial to the high regard in which he was held by his fellowmen, the business houses of Dunkirk were closed during the hours of his funeral. He was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution; a director of the Board of Trade, and of several other organizations of the city, and a member of the Presbyterian church.

Mr. van Buren married, June 11, 1890, Julia Nelson, daughter of Joseph and Julia A. (Bartholomew) Nelson (q. v.). Mr. and Mrs. van Buren were the parents of six children: Josephine, married George R. Nixon, and resides in Dunkirk; Nellie, married George Patterson Crandall, of Westfield, N. Y.; James Henry (2), a merchant of Buffalo, N. Y.; Joseph Nelson, engaged in mercantile business in Buffalo, married Mary Mac Leod, of Versailles, Ky.; James Lyman, residing at home; Robert, died aged two years.

The three sons served in the World War, James Henry and Joseph N. in the Aviation Corps of the United States army, and James Lyman in the navy. Mrs. van Buren survives her husband and continues her residence at the old home on Central avenue, Dunkirk, her aged mother, Mrs. Joseph Nelson, residing with her.

**SETH W. THOMPSON**—In a review of his own life and family written by himself and finished under date of Jan. 5, 1914, he thus concludes:

This simple tale I dedicate to my posterity on January 5, 1914, my seventy-eighth birthday, and my wife who is now here by me joins with me. She is now seventy-five years old and we are enjoying life and our faculties to a good degree for people of our age. May the Good Father who gives us our life and all manifold blessings bless and keep you always. My abiding faith and trust is that in the great and eternal future we shall all in some mysterious and wonderful way which we cannot comprehend be united in another existence.

Four years after writing the above, Mr. Thompson was able to comprehend that "mysterious and wonderful way," and but a year later husband and wife were united in another sphere. Three of their children are as follows: John F. and Charles C. Thompson, of New York City, and Mrs. Carrie T. West, of Jamestown. In this review of the life of Mr. Thompson his own account will be relied upon for the facts.





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Seth W. Thompson was a son of John and Pamela (Bush) Thompson, who about 1833 settled on a farm of fifty acres within half a mile of Ellington Center, Chautauqua county, N. Y. The parents of John Thompson were born in Maine, but later lived in Madison county, N. Y., where his father worked at the carpenter's trade. Later he went West to work upon the Erie canal, and never returned to his family, being stricken by a fever which proved fatal. John Thompson, a boy of eighteen when his father died, and his youngest brother Seth aided his mother, and they were able to keep the family together, John remaining single until thirty years of age, then taking his mother and two unmarried sisters into his home. He married Pamela Bush, about 1827, and began married life on a little farm of forty acres in Madison county, N. Y., where they lived until about 1834, when he sold his farm, and with his mother, wife and three little daughters, \$500 in cash, with his household possessions loaded in a heavy wagon drawn by a two-horse team, started West. Their journey of perhaps 200 miles ended in the town of Ellington, Chautauqua county, N. Y., where John Thompson bought a farm of fifty acres on which was a log house and stable. The pine timber had been almost entirely taken from the tract, but by hard work he removed the stumps and pine tops from a small amount of land, and the following fall was rewarded by a good crop. His wife, a tailoress, aided with her needle, and in course of time a certain degree of prosperity was attained. In speaking of his boyhood and his parents, Mr. Thompson writes:

We always had comfortable clothing and an extra suit for Sunday and church, which was always attended, although we lived on a farm four and a half miles from the church. They were always generous to the poor, and no one ever went from their door hungry, friend or stranger.

About 1840 the little farm was sold, and another of 150 acres was bought. Until 1851 the family, then consisting of seven children, lived in the old log house, but for several years had been getting lumber together, and in 1851 a new frame house was finished. With this house completed the hardships of pioneer days may be said to have ended for the Thompson family, and the fortunes of Seth W. Thompson will alone be followed.

Seth W. Thompson was born in the log cabin on the home farm in Ellington, Chautauqua county, N. Y., in 1836, the fifth child of his parents. He was educated in the district school, and in the winter of 1853-54 he taught school in Ohio, four miles south of Madison, his married sister, Frances Turney, engaging the school for him. The next winter he taught the district school west of the old farm in the town of Ellington, the same school which he had attended when a small boy. He taught in Chautauqua county each winter until that of 1860-61, which was his last. His salary was from 16 monthly the first winter to \$26 the last winter, and at all the schools except the last in the village of Ellington, he boarded around. He was a successful teacher, ever looking back upon the winters he taught with great pleasure.

During my school days in the winter of 1855-56, I made the acquaintance of Miss Emma L. Pratt, a brightly, black-eyed girl, with whom I fell in love, he also taught several terms of school, her last term being in the Union School at Dunkirk, New York. On October 2, 1859, after nearly four years of pleasant

courtship, we were married. Our life has been a very pleasant one and we have been unusually favored in many ways. We have now passed our forty-first anniversary (they were married fifty-nine years ere death dissolved this happy marriage). We have been fairly successful in business ventures, and wonderfully blessed in our children who have always been and are still to us a blessing which we cannot express, measure or weigh.

In May, 1861, John M. Farnham, the hardware merchant of Ellington, offered Mr. Thompson a partnership, which was accepted. In the fall of 1861 he bought out a tin and stove shop in Cattaraugus, N. Y., Mr. Thompson taking charge of that branch, Oct. 28, 1861, and two weeks later his wife, and son John, then fifteen months old, arrived with their household goods. The next year his father and mother joined their son in Cattaraugus, and in 1866 they all moved into a fine house. In 1869 that house was sold, and in December, 1869, a new house was occupied for the first time. In 1870, through a combination of circumstances, the firm, S. W. Thompson Company, sold out and a new partnership was entered into with Henry Chaffee, Mr. Thompson remaining in charge of the Cattaraugus store, Mr. Chaffee taking charge of the firm's business in Randolph. About 1872 the Cattaraugus store was sold, Thompson & Chaffee then concentrating all their energy on the larger, better store in Randolph, which later they sold to Knapp & Son. Shortly afterward Mr. Thompson sold his interest in a patent milk pan business in which he had been engaged for some time, and he entered into partnership with J. M. Farnham, who had been his first partner in the tin shop in Cattaraugus. Mr. Farnham was head of a large hardware business in Jamestown, and after settling up his affairs in Randolph Mr. Thompson joined him, his department being the management of the office. Before removing his family and irrevocably committing himself to the partnership, he found that the business was not as he expected to find it, and by mutual consent the partnership was not consummated. He returned to Randolph and some time afterward he became partner in a hardware store that had been started after Thompson & Chaffee had sold out. He conducted a prosperous business for six years, then sold out and took a partnership in a tannery at East Randolph, which he retained for about three years. He was next interested with Amos Dow in a private banking business in East Randolph, the business being conducted under the firm name, Dow & Thompson, bankers. They continued a quiet, prosperous banking business for four years, and in 1878 he exchanged his interest in the bank for a general country store in East Randolph owned by his partner, Amos Dow. Mr. Dow and he had previously lost some money in the oil fields of Pennsylvania through fire, but this loss Mr. Thompson recouped, and during the eight years that he operated the general store he added \$15,000 to his capital through the profits from the store. In 1880 Mr. Thompson toured California, where his only brother and a sister were living, and became enamored of the great West. In December, 1885, his mother passed away, and in June, 1886, his father passed away in his eighty-eighth year. The lad promised his parents not to remove West so long as they lived, and having ministered to them and provided for their every need during their old age he could consider a western removal with a clear conscience.

Going West, he bought a tract of 600 acres of farm land at Luverne, Rock county, Minn., and the next day purchased an additional 160 acres. In May, 1887, he sold his store in East Randolph and availed himself of an offer to secure an interest in the First National Bank of Luverne. His son Charles C. Thompson, then with the Seaboard National Bank of New York City, was given important position in the bank, and with his wife and daughter, Carrie T., Mr. Thompson arrived in Luverne, in September, 1887.

Although Charles C. Thompson had been elected cashier at the age of nineteen, probably the youngest man ever elected to that important office, he felt that a small Minnesota town did not offer sufficient inducements for the future, and after four years in Luverne he accepted an offer to return to the Seaboard National Bank, New York City, of which his brother, John F., was cashier. In Luverne, the only daughter of the family, Carrie T., married Henry Brennan, a young man from Smethport, Pa., they returning East. The loss of their children decided Mr. and Mrs. Thompson to return East, and within another year he sold the home he had built in Luverne and his stock in the bank, but retained his farms on which he had good tenants.

On his return he located in Newark, N. J., his son, Charles C., who had returned to Minnesota in January, 1892, and brought back with him a bride, Emily Brown, making his home with his parents. In August, 1892, Mr. Thompson returned to Minnesota to look after his farm interests, and stopping at Jamestown, N. Y., was offered by his old friend, Mr. Charles Dow, a position in the Jamestown National Bank. He removed to Jamestown in the fall of 1892, and in March, 1893, moved into a comfortable brick house on Lakeview avenue, where he resided until death. His position at the bank was in the loan department, his business being to interview applicants for loans and to determine whether they as individuals and the security they offered were worthy. He resigned that position after four years' service, and for two years held an interest in the Southern Lumber Company, operating in Southeastern Missouri. This was his last active connection with the business world, although he had large private interests in many enterprises. He was a man of quiet, domestic tastes, and in his last years his home, garden, and family ties had for him the greatest joy and brought him unlimited happiness. His business life was a financial success, and he saw his children all well settled and leading useful lives. He had been instrumental in starting several young men in business, and in his quiet way had ever had a helping hand for others. From whatever angle viewed, his life was a success, and he left to posterity a name unsullied and honor untarnished. He died in Jamestown, N. Y., April 15, 1918.

Emma L. (Pratt) Thompson was born in Hinsdale, N. Y., Dec. 15, 1838, and died at the Thompson home, No. 609 Lakeview avenue, Jamestown, N. Y., April 30, 1919, daughter of Homer and Electa A. (Newcomb) Pratt, who at the time of the birth of their daughter were enroute from Madison county, N. Y., to Missouri. Subsequently the Pratts settled in Ellington, Chautauqua county, N. Y., where Mr. Pratt conducted a store until his death in 1863. Mrs. Pratt died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Thompson, in Jamestown, in the spring

of 1893, aged eighty. Mrs. Thompson was educated in Ellington Academy, and for several terms prior to her marriage, Oct. 2, 1859, taught school. Mrs. Thompson was a woman of broad culture and charming manners. Essentially a home-maker, she found her greatest enjoyment in the family circle. She was active in the work of the First Congregational Church, and was a member of the New Century Art Club, Jamestown Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Warner Home for the Aged. She was a gifted writer and had prepared many papers of note for the various organizations with which she was connected. During the war with Germany Mrs. Thompson was an active Red Cross worker and rendered other patriotic service.

Seth W. and Emma L. (Pratt) Thompson were the parents of two sons and a daughter: 1. John F., born at the home farm in Ellington, Chautauqua county, N. Y., July 12, 1860; he was educated in Chamberlain Institute, Randolph, and Allegheny College (one term), then began business life as a clerk with the private banking firm, Dow & Thompson; he has continued in the banking business ever since, having been teller of the Bradford National Bank of Bradford, Pa., cashier of the Seaboard National Bank of New York City, and in 1903 became vice-president of the Bankers' Trust Company, a position he resigned from four years later on account of failing health; he then made his home on the Island of Jamaica, British West Indies, where he bought 4,000 acres, and became deeply interested in tropical fruit farming; he married, in 1880, Hattie Dow, and they are the parents of five children. 2. Charles C., born at Cattaraugus, N. Y., Aug. 16, 1868; he was educated in the public school and Chamberlain Institute, but at the age of fourteen left school to take a position in a bank at Bolivar, of which his brother John F. was cashier; after two years with his brother he went with his father in his store, later going to the Seaboard National Bank, of New York City; he remained with that bank until 1887, when he joined his father in Luverne, Minn., where for four years he was cashier of the Luverne National Bank, being but nineteen when elected; he then returned to the Seaboard National Bank in New York, filling the position of assistant cashier until succeeding his brother as cashier, then serving in that position until 1913, when he was elected vice-president; he married Emily Brown, of Luverne, Minn., and they are the parents of one son, Seth Waldo. 3. Carrie T., born in Cattaraugus, N. Y., Oct. 16, 1870; she married (first) in Luverne, Minn., Henry Brennan, of Smethport, Pa., who died leaving five children: i. Mildred E. Brennan, married her cousin, John Stuart Thompson, and has three sons, John D., Philip Brennan, and Charles H. Thompson; ii. Ruth Marion Brennan, married Fred E. Hatch, Jr., of Jamestown, and has three children, Katherin T., Marjorie C., and Mildred Hatch; iii. John Thompson Brennan, married Vivian Evans, who died Oct. 26, 1918, leaving two children, John Thompson (2) and Janet L. Brennan; iv. Theodora Brennan; v. Carolyn E. Brennan, both attending school. After the death of her husband, a prosperous business man, Mrs. Brennan moved to her home in Jamestown, N. Y., prepared for her by her parents, and was the great comfort of their declining years, her home being



near theirs. She married (second) Julius E. West, of Jamestown, and they reside on Lakeview avenue, Jamestown.

**JAMES KNAPP**—For more than a decade of the last years of his life, James Knapp was an honored resident of Jamestown, N. Y., a man of wealth and enterprise, highly esteemed by all who knew him. He was always deeply interested in family history, and during his lifetime carefully traced his own descent from Nicholas Knapp, who came with Winthrop's fleet in 1630. The family was transplanted from Connecticut to Chautauqua county, N. Y., in 1821, John Knapp, grandfather of James Knapp, settling in the town of Harmony in November of that year. James Knapp married Ellen Lewis, of the Vermont branch of the Lewis family, who survives him, continuing her residence in Jamestown, she and her son, Lewis D. Knapp, the only survivors of the family.

(I) Nicholas Knapp was born in England, and died in Stamford, Conn., April 16, 1670. He settled in Waterford, in 1630, and was there listed a proprietor in 1636-37, and in 1648 moved to Stamford, Conn., where three generations of his descendants in the branch lived. His first wife Eleanor, the mother of all his children, died in Stamford, June 16, 1658. Their children: Jonathan, Timothy, Joshua, Caleb, Sarah, Ruth and Hannah were born in Waterford. Moses and Lydia, it is thought, were born after the removal to Stamford. Descent to James Knapp is traced through Caleb, the fourth son.

(II) Caleb Knapp, son of Nicholas and Eleanor Knapp, was born Jan. 20, 1637, and in 1648 was taken to Stamford with the family. His will is dated Oct. 3, 1674, and in it is named his wife Hannah, and children: Caleb, John, Moses, Samuel, Sarah and Hannah. Descent in this branch is through the second son John.

(III) John Knapp, son of Caleb and Hannah Knapp, was born in Stamford, Conn., July 25, 1664, and there spent his life. He married, June 10, 1692, Hannah Ferris, and they were the parents of five children: Samuel, John (2), Hannah, Charles, Deborah. This line traces through John (2), the second son.

(IV) John (2) Knapp, son of John (1) and Hannah Ferris) Knapp, was born in Stamford, Conn., Aug. 4, 1697. He married and among his children was a son John (3).

(V) John (3) Knapp, son of John (2) Knapp, was born about 1730, and settled in Danbury, Conn. In the history of Stamford he is named as having served for 23 days in the Revolutionary army, during the year 1776. He married Ruth Gregory, and they were the parents of seven children: Samuel, Elizabeth, Jehu, Ruth, John, Chloe and Levi. With John, the fifth child, Connecticut ceased to be the family seat, he settling in Chautauqua county, N. Y.

(VI) John (4) Knapp, son of John (3) and Ruth Gregory) Knapp, was born Nov. 17, 1767. In November, 1821, he settled on lot No. 49 in the town of Harmony, Chautauqua county, N. Y., and is buried in Panama in the same town. He married Lois Wood, and they were the parents of ten children: Noah, who came to Harmony with his father in 1821, settled on the

adjoining lot, No. 41, and later inherited the homestead farm; Lucy, married a Mr. Kilpatrick; Levi; Lucinda, married a Mr. Haines, and lived in Panama; Nancy, married a Mr. Joslyn; John, who died in Auburn, N. Y.; Darius, of whom further; Orrin, who moved to Michigan; Cyrus, who was killed by a falling tree; Harriet, married Hiram Smith.

(VII) Darius Knapp, seventh child of John (4) and Lois (Wood) Knapp, was born April 24, 1805, and died Jan. 24, 1866. He was educated in the public school, and spent his life as a farmer. He was a land owner and a substantial citizen of Panama, Chautauqua county, and held some of the offices of the town of Harmony. He was a member of the Presbyterian church, and in politics was a Republican. He married Polly Edwards, born Nov. 3, 1807, and died Dec. 5, 1877, daughter of Ebenezer and Sibly (Seeley) Edwards. They were the parents of five children: Ebenezer, died young; Elpha, died young; Charles, born May 16, 1838, married Alice Berry, and died Sept. 10, 1868; Mary, born May 31, 1840, married Henry C. Steward; James, of whom further.

(VIII) James Knapp, youngest child of Darius and Polly (Edwards) Knapp, was born at the farm in the town of Harmony, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Sept. 23, 1841, and died in Jamestown, in the same county, March 20, 1910. He was educated in the public schools, and spent his youth upon the farm, his father's assistant, and after the death of Darius Knapp in 1866 he succeeded to the ownership and management of the estate. He resided in the village of Panama and there conducted farming operations until 1889, when he moved to Jamestown, which was his home until death, twenty-one years later. In Jamestown he engaged in the real estate business and in the care of his personal estate. He was a capable business man, and to his inherited wealth made substantial additions. He was kindly-hearted and generous, public-spirited and deeply interested in public affairs. He was a Republican in politics, and an attendant on the services of the Baptist church. He was a man of quiet domestic tastes, devoted to his home and family, eschewing club and fraternity life. His life was a useful and honorable one, and he passed away deeply regretted. He is buried in Lakeview Cemetery.

James Knapp married, at Panama, Jan. 6, 1869, Ellen Lewis, born in Panama, Oct. 24, 1846, who survives her husband, a resident of Jamestown. Mrs. Knapp is a daughter of Perrin Lewis, and a granddaughter of Emos Lewis, born in April, 1773, and died April 26, 1861, a resident of Rutland county, Vt. His wife Eunice was born in 1772, and died May 15, 1862. Their son, Perrin Lewis, was born in Rutland county, Vt., April 2, 1803, and died Jan. 29, 1890. He was a cabinetmaker by trade, and until 1832 resided in Vermont, then came to Chautauqua county, N. Y., where he worked at his trade and operated a farm. Perrin Lewis married (first) Oct. 27, 1825, Emily Frances, born Nov. 30, 1806, died Nov. 25, 1826. He married (second) Feb. 7, 1827, Lury Cook, born Dec. 8, 1803, died Jan. 30, 1892, daughter of Francis and Susanna Cook, of Hamburg, Erie county, N. Y. Francis Cook died in 1810, leaving a widow and seven children who lived in Hamburg. During the second war with Great Britain the Cook home was visited by the Indians and Lury was sent by

her mother to obtain aid. She could not return, and it was not until after the burning of Buffalo in 1814 that the Indians departed and the Cook family were reunited. Perrin and Lury (Cook) Lewis were the parents of the following children: Emily, died at the age of eleven years; Cherlina, married (first) Dr. John R. Bush, (second) William Walrodt; Martha, married Moses Bush; Eunice, died at the age of two years; Alta, married Rev. Austin D. Bush; Eunice (2), died young; William Henry, removed to Iowa; Ellen, born Oct. 24, 1846, now the widow of James Knapp; Charles Albert, moved to Michigan.

James and Ellen (Lewis) Knapp were the parents of two children: 1. Lewis D., born in Panama, N. Y., Oct. 8, 1872; he was educated in the grade and high schools of Jamestown, finishing at Jamestown Business College; he engaged in the drug business in Jamestown for five years, but has for many years devoted himself to the management of the family estate; he is a Republican in politics, and a member of the Baptist church. 2. Mabel, born Feb. 28, 1874, died April 16, 1903; she was educated in the Jamestown grade and high schools; she became the wife of Royal C. Burnham, Sept. 14, 1893; Mr. and Mrs. Burnham had a son Kenneth, born Oct. 9, 1894; they reside in Lancaster, Cal.; she was a devoted member of the Baptist church, and a woman of gentle, lovable Christian nature.

**DR. MATTHEW S. MOORE**—Placed in these pages as a memorial to Dr. Moore, this record has especial value from the fact that the greater part of its text is quoted from the writings of a close personal friend of Dr. Moore's, the Hon. Oscar W. Johnson. Many years have passed since Dr. Moore went in and out of Chautauqua county homes on his missions of ministrations to bodily ills, but the influence of a life such as his can never be lost, and the example of a man who used his opportunities to a splendid end will long stand as an inspiration and example to those who follow him.

Dr. Moore's family has been prominent in the history of South Carolina for a number of generations. His grandfather, Richard Richardson, and in more recent years his cousins, James Richardson, John L. Manning, and Richard Manning, each served as governors of the State. The family is connected by both blood and marriage to George McDuffie, Wade Hampton, the war governor of Reconstruction Days, the Pinckneys, all of whom took prominent part in the early history of the nation. His cousin, Angelica Singleton, married the son of Martin Van Buren, and, the wife of President Van Buren being then deceased, she presided as lady of the White House during his administration.

Matthew Singleton Moore was born in Aiken, S. C. He received his literary education at the University of Virginia, and his professional education at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. He was an only child, and his father died in infancy. He inherited about 7,000 acres of cotton bearing lands, which gave him an income beyond his wants or desires, but this did not prevent his practicing his profession, which he loved as a means of alleviating human suffering.

At the commencement of the Civil War, he was appointed surgeon of the First South Carolina Artillery and was stationed at Fort Sumter from the surrender

of General Anderson to the close of the war. When the war closed, his wealth had vanished; his plantations were a barren waste; his associates and friends had been scattered like leaves in the tempest; the tax gatherer made demands he could not meet; a large family demanded protection and support. He resolved to come North and prepare a new home for them. The advice of Dr. Strong, of Westfield, an early friend, led him to visit Fredonia in 1867. He called upon many of our citizens, and with a characteristic frankness told them of the part he had taken in the war, of his desire, if they could welcome him as a man and physician, regardless of the past, to cast his lot among them. He asked no charity that he did not give. From the hour of this meeting all were his friends. They recognized a brave and magnanimous man, struggling against adversity. If they thought he had erred they knew he had never sinned against his own convictions. In about two years he removed his family.

The incidents in the life of Dr. Moore are easily written, but when we attempt to describe the man, as he seemed to us, we feel inadequate to the task. In head and heart he was an exemplification of true manhood. He was a man of broad and liberal culture, whose thoughts and studies were not bounded by the limits of professional investigation. His mind was enriched by books and by a close observation of life in many forms. The northern and the southern heart had been opened to him; he had been tried by prosperity and adversity. He was distinguished for his courtesy, not the courtesy that is prescribed by rules, but that which comes from the eye, that is quick to see, and the heart overflowing with kindness and generous impulses toward all humanity. As a physician he was the acknowledged peer of the ablest in Western New York. His cheerful nature and genial sympathy endeared him to every family he visited. His cheerfulness was wonderful, and it did not desert him when he was conscious that disease was upon him and that "he was walking in the valley of the shadow of death." He said to the writer that he did not fear to die, that he had been face to face with death until it had lost all terrors, but he shrank from the long suffering and helplessness which sometimes attended his disease and which no human skill could alleviate. All this was mercifully spared him, as in the twinkling of an eye death affixed its seal upon the features where his accustomed smile still lingered.

Dr. Moore had a heart large enough for the North and the South and he loved them both, and after the whirlwind of war had passed would have given his life that they should remain "one and inseparable" forever. He chose to sleep his last sleep among his Northern friends, not forgetting, however, his childhood's home in the sunny South or the graves of generations of his kindred with whom he had once hoped to rest. He had as much of his practice and as many friends in Dunkirk as in Fredonia. At his funeral services, which were held in the Protestant Episcopal church, hundreds of families from both places were represented, and the exhibition of sorrow was as if death had smitten one in every household. As his affections and sympathies and charities were broader than any school, class or sect, so from all sources alike came the tributes of respect to his true and loyal nature.





Arthur R. Wood



J. D. Moore (M.D.)



Surely in his earlier home, friends with tenderer hands and warmer hearts could not have borne him to his last resting place or felt a more assured hope that it will be well with him hereafter.

Dr. Matthew Singleton Moore and his wife, Martha Screven (Murray) Moore, were the parents of eleven children: Matthew S., Jr., Elizabeth B., John I., Sarah R., Arthur Rose; Samuel M.; Martha and Screven, twins; Mary C., Burchell R., and MacDonald. Dr. Moore died Jan. 6, 1884, aged fifty-six years.

Mrs. Moore is a descendant of John Hart, who came from England to Pennsylvania with William Penn in 1682, and in 1683 married Susanna Rush, of Byberry, near Philadelphia. John Hart was the eldest son of Christopher and Mary Hart. From John and Susanna Hart the descent is as follows: Their eldest son, John Hart, married Eleanor Crispin; their fifth son, Oliver Hart, married Sarah Brees, of Bucks county, Pa.; their eldest daughter, Eleanor Hart, married Thomas Screven, March 6, 1770, he a son of Thomas and Mary Screven, of Charleston, S. C.; their eldest daughter, Martha Screven, married Benjamin Bonneau, Feb. 26, 1795; their only child, Elizabeth Vanderhorst Bonneau, married Samuel J. Murray, May 25, 1820; their fourth child, Martha Screven Murray, born Dec. 18, 1826, married Dr. Matthew Singleton Moore.

**ARTHUR ROSE MOORE**—For thirty-five years, 1885-1920, Arthur R. Moore has been engaged in the practice of law in Fredonia, N. Y., having opened offices there immediately upon his admission to the bar. The years have brought him the rewards of his profession as well as the esteem of his fellow-townsmen, and he is most highly regarded both as a professional man and as a citizen.

Arthur Rose Moore was born in Slateburg, Sumter county, S. C., Jan. 1, 1855. He was named for a college friend of his father, Dr. Arthur Rose, of Charleston, S. C. He spent the first fourteen years of his life in his native place, being under the tuition of governesses and private instructors. After coming to Chautauqua county, N. Y., he attended Westfield Academy for two years, then pursued the classical course at the State Normal and Training School, Fredonia, for four years, following his classical course with two years' study in medicine in his father's office. But the medical profession did not appeal to him and he discontinued study thereof to begin the study of law under the preceptorship of Norris & Lambert, Fredonia, N. Y. He was admitted to the New York bar at Buffalo in January, 1885, and at once began practice in Fredonia and so continues to the present (1920). In February, 1885, he was admitted to practice in the District Court of the United States for the Northern District of New York, and on Jan. 25, 1895, on motion of Senator David B. Hill, of New York, was admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of the United States. While his practice is general in character, Mr. Moore has given particular attention to probate, corporation and real estate law, and has often been appointed by the courts to important receiverships which were managed and closed successfully and most satisfactorily. He is a member of the Bar Association of Northern Chautauqua and New York

State Bar Associations, and is held in high esteem by his brethren of the profession.

A Democrat in politics, Mr. Moore was elected to that strongly Republican body, the Chautauqua County Board of Supervisors, in 1886, representing the town of Pomfret for one term. He was elected president of the Fredonia Village Corporation in 1895, and while holding that office was appointed by President Grover Cleveland postmaster of Fredonia to fill out an unexpired term. That appointment was made in March, 1895, and in February, 1896, was followed by appointment for a full term of four years. Upon the expiration of his term in February, 1900, the Republicans not being able to agree upon a successor, he held over until the end of the year, about ten months. It being contrary to the law to hold the office of postmaster in connection with any other public office, Mr. Moore resigned his office of president of the village, but the trustees refused to accept it. The post office department ruled that inasmuch as he had resigned he had complied with the law and advised that he take no further action. He continued as village president until the expiration of his term, then of course declined reelection. In 1894-95, he was chairman of the Chautauqua County Democratic Committee; from 1900 to 1907, inclusive, member of the board of managers of the State Normal and Training School, Fredonia, secretary-treasurer of that board, 1904 and 1905, and chairman, 1906-1907, inclusive. He is a member of the Masonic order and a past master of Forest Lodge, No. 166, of Fredonia, having been master of that lodge in 1890-1891. He is a member and senior warden of Trinity Protestant Episcopal Church of Fredonia.

Mr. Moore married, at Louisville, Ky., June 6, 1895, Sally Doom MacLeod, daughter of John and Mary L. (Doom) MacLeod, her father a prominent railroad and bridge engineer. Mr. and Mrs. Moore are the parents of five children: Matthew Singleton, who died July 23, 1913, aged sixteen years; John MacLeod, Arthur Rose, Jr., Mary Elizabeth, Sally MacLeod.

From boyhood a resident of the village which has ever since been his home and place of business, Mr. Moore has won the confidence and good will of his townsmen to a remarkable degree, and in return has given them his best efforts as a professional man, a public official, and is found in support of all movements tending to Fredonia's good. Public-spirited, courteous and efficient, he has a wealth of friends whom he loyally serves as opportunity permits.

**ZATTU CUSHING**—A great deal of pioneer history centers around Zattu Cushing, born in Plymouth, Mass., in 1770. His father losing his fortune by the depreciation of Continental money, Zattu Cushing was apprenticed to a Boston ship carpenter, with whom he served his full time. He moved from Boston to Saratoga county, thence to Oneida county, N. Y., where he cleared a farm. In 1779 he was employed to build a vessel at Presque Isle, now Erie, Pa., and on his way back to Oneida county he stopped over night in the wilderness of Fredonia, and was so pleased that he resolved to make the place his home. In February, 1805, he left Oneida county for this purpose with his wife and children. Two sleds, each drawn by a yoke

of oxen, carried his family and worldly goods. They were three weeks performing the journey which now is, by the flyer on the railroad, performed in seven hours. They started from Buffalo on the ice to go up the lake. At night a terrible tempest came unexpectedly. They feared to move, as there were points where the ice was broken. The judge blew the old-fashioned dinner horn at intervals, thinking it might attract some settlers. Two men heard it, and taking it for a signal of distress, came with lanterns and piloted them ashore near the mouth of Eighteen Mile creek. Before daylight the ice had receded miles from the shore. When he reached Canadaway he found the lot he designed for a home had been taken up by Thomas McClin-tock, but fortunately he found a partly-built log house, which made them a home for the winter. He drove four cows, and brought a barrel of salt, a half-bushel of apple seeds, and two men to assist in chopping. His apple seeds were the germs of the oldest orchards in Chautauqua. He procured potatoes for planting from the Indians. Zattu Cushing was eminently a pious man. His first thought when he came into the wilderness was to establish a church. This he did with the help of eight others, two of whom were women. Thus the first Baptist church was organized, and services held in his barn, which was the most spacious edifice in the community. He was a licensed preacher, and for years held regular meetings in the back settlements, men coming for miles to listen to him.

Up to 1807 all the county was the township of Chautauqua, with the town meetings at the Cross Roads, now Westfield. Judge Cushing rallied all the voters of his part of the county to go to Westfield, and they voted the town meeting here. This caused the creation of Pomfret. At its first town meeting he was elected overseer of the poor. In 1808 he was appointed one of the judges of Niagara county, of which Erie county was a part, and tried and sentenced to prison the first convict from Buffalo. At the organization of Chautauqua county in 1811, he was appointed first judge. Lawyers from Buffalo would come and stay with him over Sunday, and on Monday they would go on horseback through the woods to Mayville. He served as a private in the War of 1812. He was delivering a Fourth of July oration when news came of the landing of some British soldiers at the mouth of the Canadaway. For a wonder, the orator hastened to the scene of danger more rapidly than his audience. James Mullett and Daniel W. Douglass in their haste undertook to ride one horse, which fell with them and left them helpless at the roadside. Seldom in the history of war has the whole cavalry of an army been rendered useless by a single accident. The two heroes were covered with mud instead of glory.

In 1817 a law was passed to aid agricultural societies, which were to be organized at the court house in the respective counties. Two or three days before the time, the judge rode from house to house as far as Cattaraugus creek and notified every man to rally for Mayville. The judge headed the procession of several hundred. There were not as many horses as men, so some would ride a certain distance and tie the horse to give the footman behind a chance. At the appointed hour they emerged from the forest, filled the court

house, organized with Judge Cushing as chairman, and voted the "Fair" to Fredonia. Premiums remitted for the purpose formed the nucleus for the Fredonia Academy Library.

In 1826, just after the opening of the Erie canal, Judge Cushing built, in company with others, a canal boat within the limits of Fredonia, using the tools he used to build the "Good Intent" at Erie thirty years before. The boat, named "The Fredonia Enterprise," was drawn to Dunkirk by one hundred yoke of oxen, loaded with wheat by Todd & Douglass, and towed to Buffalo by the steamer "Lake Superior." This was the first wheat ever shipped from Chautauqua to the New York market.

In 1816 the wife of Judge Cushing died. Up to that time many of the residents had never attended a funeral in Chautauqua county. They came on foot and on horseback and with ox-teams from the remotest towns to pay the last tribute of respect to the dead.

In the hard season of 1816, blessed with ample means, Judge Cushing would not sell his grain, but loaned it to be returned when harvests should come to the borrower. When his family remonstrated with him for indiscriminate benevolence, he told them it was better to aid ten hypocrites than to turn away one that was needy.

In 1822, after fourteen years of service, he retired from the bench with the reputation of an upright, dignified, and clear-headed judge. He was a peacemaker. Men gathered around his deathbed for a council. His influence was not in his words as a preacher, but in the heroic Christian life back of it. He died in 1839, respected, honored, even revered, by his fellow-men.

Six hundred acres of land converted from the wilderness to cultivated fields attested his energy. He was an ardent patriot, but to him the vision of the great struggle to be waged for the life of the Republic, and in which the heroism of his grandson was to make the name of Cushing immortal in history, did not come.

At the first term of court held after the death of Judge Cushing, Jan. 13, 1839, the bar of Chautauqua county procured his portrait, as the first judge of Chautauqua county, to be hung in the court house over the judge's bench. By vote of the supervisors of Chautauqua county, a group of photographs of his four heroic grandsons are now fittingly placed beneath this portrait.

**THE CUSHING BROTHERS**—Dr. Milton Buckingham Cushing, son of Judge Zattu and Rachel (Buckingham) Cushing, was born at Paris, N. Y., July 20, 1800, and died at Gallipolis, Ohio, April 22, 1847. He was a physician and a merchant, and an energetic, clear-sighted, persevering business man of high character and vigorous intellect, influential and public-spirited.

Dr. Cushing married (first) Abigail Browning Tupper, who died in Zanesville, Ohio, daughter of Col. Tupper, grandson of Gen. Tupper of the Revolution; her mother, a daughter of Gen. Rufus Putnam. There were three children born of this marriage: Benjamin Tupper, a law partner of Salmon P. Chase, in Columbus, Ohio, where he died at the age of twenty-five; Edward Anselm, a physician, who died before reach-





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ing his twenty-fifth year; Rowena Sophia, married Asa Brown, and died in Wilmington, N. C.

Dr. Milton B. Cushing married (second) in Columbus, Ohio, Mary Barker Smith, of Boston, born in Salem, Mass., Sept. 24, 1807, died at the home of her only surviving child, Mrs. E. H. Bouton, in St. Joseph, Mo., March 26, 1891. She was a daughter of Elisha Smith, a lineal descendant of John Alden, and related to John Adams, the Hancock, Madison and Phillips families. She used to relate that her earliest recollection was of attending the funeral of her grandfather, Josiah Smith, member of Congress, and said that the carriage of President John Adams (a cousin) headed the funeral procession. Seven children were born of this second marriage of Dr. Milton B. Cushing.

The first son of Dr. Milton B. Cushing was Milton Buckingham (2), born in Columbus, Ohio, April 20, 1837, died in Dunkirk, N. Y., Jan. 1, 1886. He was a paymaster in the United States army, serving with distinction. He married, in 1868, Ellen Delia Grosvenor, who died in Dunkirk, May 31, 1898, daughter of Judge Thomas P. Grosvenor.

The second son, Howard B. Cushing, was born in Milwaukee, Wis., Aug. 22, 1838, and killed in Arizona, May 5, 1871, by Cachise, the noted Apache chief. He was then a first lieutenant in the Third Regiment, United States Cavalry. A monument was erected to the memory of Lieut. Cushing by the citizens of Tucson, Ariz.

The third son, Col. Alonzo Hereford Cushing, was born Jan. 19, 1841, and was killed at the battle of Gettysburg, July 3, 1863. His birthplace was Delafield, Wis. His father dying, the family came to Fredonia to live, and Alonzo H. was appointed to the Military Academy at West Point through Hon. F. S. Edwards, member of Congress of the Thirty-first District of the State of New York. He entered the academy July 1, 1857, and was graduated Jan. 24, 1861, as second lieutenant, and commissioned first lieutenant, Fourth Artillery, June 24, 1861, breveted captain Dec. 13, 1863, for gallant and meritorious service at the battle of Fredericksburg, Va. He was made major May 2, 1863, for like service at the battle of Chancellorsville, Va., and promoted to lieutenant-colonel July 1, 1863, for conspicuous gallantry at the battle of Gettysburg, Pa., where he was killed. After graduating, he was first of his class ordered into the field, and was assigned to the duty of instructing volunteer regiments preparatory to the move on Manassas, in which movement he commanded a section of a regular battery and was with General McClellan as chief of ordnance on General Sumner's staff, with the rank of captain, participating in every battle of the Peninsular campaign. For a time he was transferred to the Topographic Corps, and while here he made a map of the Antietam battlefield. His favorite arm of service was the artillery, to which he was returned at his own request, and was assigned to the command of Battery A of the Fourth Regiment. His battery was placed under General Hancock in the Second Corps in the campaign into Pennsylvania; and at Gettysburg, in the face of that last wild charge of Pickett's division, he was placed with Battery A at Cemetery Ridge, a crucial point on the battlefield, with nothing to mask his position, men,

guns and horses standing out in bold relief against the sky. After all his men had been shot down and every gun of his battery dismantled but one, he stood among his dead and dying men, himself mortally wounded, and with the foe not thirty feet away pulled the lanyard and fired his last gun upon the charging columns of the enemy, saying to an officer who was riding up with reinforcements: "We will give them one more shot, General Webb," and fell back dead, his work of defense accomplished, the tide of battle there turning toward victory for the Union army.

The fourth son, William Barker Cushing, will have further and extended mention.

The youngest and last survivor of this family, Mary Isabel Cushing, was born in Chicago, Ill. She married, in Fredonia, N. Y., June 11, 1867, E. F. Gayle, of Salem, Mass. She married (second) April 19, 1881, E. H. Bouton, of St. Joseph, Mo., but later of Chicago, Ill. The other children died young.

When Dr. Milton B. Cushing died, Mrs. Cushing was left with the care of five young children, and without means. Nobly she responded to the task allotted her, and her four sons, even when quite young and in school, testified their appreciation of her labors by aiding in furnishing the family purse outside of school hours. She removed to Fredonia, N. Y., to be near her husband's relations, and opened a school in her own home on Green street. No words can express the great nobility of her character; no mother was more faithful to her fatherless ones; and no Spartan mother braver in sacrificing her sons to her country's welfare. She was a woman of refinement and culture, mentally and morally strong, simple and unaffected in manner.

**COMMANDER WILLIAM BARKER CUSHING, U. S. N.**—Three supremely great names in the naval history of the American Republic are those of John Paul Jones, Oliver Hazard Perry, and William Barker Cushing. Cushing is as completely the representative of the highest naval strategy and the type of the greatest individual daring of the great Rebellion as were Perry and Jones of the earlier naval wars.

William Barker Cushing was born in Wisconsin, Nov. 4, 1842, youngest son of Milton B. and Mary B. (Smith) Cushing. He was descended from an old Puritan family of New England, his grandfather, Judge Zattu Cushing, born in Plymouth, Mass., and one of the leading figures among the pioneers of Chautauqua county, serving its courts of justice from their organization until 1824. Judge Cushing's son, Milton B. Cushing, married Mary B. Smith, a near relative of Rear Admiral Smith, and removed to Wisconsin, where he died, leaving four young sons. Mrs. Cushing returned to Fredonia so that her children might enjoy good educational advantages, but after the close of the Civil War, bereft of her sons, she went back to the West, where she died March 26, 1891.

William Barker Cushing received his early education at Fredonia, and in 1857 was appointed to the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., but resigned March 23, 1861. In May of the same year he volunteered and was appointed master's mate on the U. S. Ship "Minnesota," and on the day of her arrival at

Hampton Roads captured the "Delaware Farmer," a tobacco schooner, the first prize of the war. He was attached to the North Atlantic Blockading Squadron during the war, served part of the time on the South Atlantic coast, and repeatedly distinguished himself by acts of bravery.

He was commissioned lieutenant July 16, 1862, and in November of the same year he was ordered to capture Jacksonville, Fla., intercept an important mail, and destroy the New Juliet salt works. He captured the mail, took prizes, and shelled a Confederate camp, but was unable to cross the bar to Jacksonville. He then served on the Blackwater and in the sounds of North Carolina, where he distinguished himself upon several occasions. During 1863 he added to his reputation for daring bravery and good judgment by an expedition up the Cape Fear and Little rivers, and his operations on the Nansemond. It is not possible to give in detail all of his brilliant exploits, distinguished services and hair-breadth escapes. His most brilliant exploit and which made world-wide his then already national reputation, was the destruction of the Confederate iron-clad ram "Albemarle" on the night of Oct. 27, 1864.

The "Albemarle" had successfully encountered a strong fleet of Union gunboats and fought for several hours without sustaining material damage. There was nothing able to cope with her in the Sounds, and grave apprehensions were entertained of the Union iron-clads being able to prevent her from sweeping everything before and shelling the principal Northern seaport cities. Cushing volunteered to destroy her and vanish the nightmare of terror which her presence cast upon the Union fleets. With a steam launch and a volunteer crew who fully realized the importance and danger of the mission upon which they were going, he ascended the Roanoke river towing an armed cutter. The river was lined with Confederate pickets to guard against just such an attack as this; but Cushing's phenomenal good luck did not desert him, and he was within a few yards of the "Albemarle" before he was discovered. Casting off the boat he had in tow, with orders to attack a picket post nearby, he drove the launch straight at the hugh bulk of the iron-clad, whose crew rushed to quarters and at once opened a heavy fire on their advancing foe. The launch replied effectively with her howitzer until Cushing reached the raft of heavy logs which had been built around the ram. Over this the launch was driven, and by the time she received her death wound from the "Albemarle's" guns, Cushing had coolly swung the torpedo boom under the great ship's overhang and exploded the charge. A large hole was blown in the iron-clad's side, and she sank at her moorings.

Cushing left his sinking boat and swam down stream a half mile, where he reached the river bank thoroughly exhausted. When he recovered strength, he plunged into a dense swamp, and after hours of tedious wading came out on the shore of a creek where he found a Union picket boat. He and only one other of his companions escaped. For the sinking of the "Albemarle" he received the thanks of Congress, and was shortly afterwards elevated to the rank of lieutenant-commander, his commission being dated Oct. 27, 1864.

At Fort Fisher he buoyed out the channel in a small skiff and completed his work in six hours. In the final assault on its frowning wall he led a force of sailors and marines from the "Monticello" in an attack on the sea front of the fort, and amid an unceasing fire at short range which cut down his men in windrows, he crossed one hundred rods of sand, rallied his men, and gave such efficient support to the land forces that before midnight the fort was surrendered.

During the war he received five commendatory letters from the Secretary of the Navy, and at the close of the struggle was appointed to the command of the "Lancaster" in the Pacific squadron. In 1868 he was placed in command of the "Maumee," and for four years was attached to the Atlantic Squadron. On the return of the "Maumee" to the United States, Lieut.-Com. Cushing was advanced to the rank of commander, to date from Jan. 1, 1872, he being at that time the youngest officer of that rank in the navy. He was allowed leave of absence, but his health, which had been impaired by over-exertion, failed completely, and he died of brain fever in Washington, D. C., Dec. 17, 1874.

As during the Civil War, Cushing was noted for finding opportunities for upholding the honor of the navy and the flag, so in times of peace his intense patriotism kept him ever alert to enhance the glory of his beloved country. A notable instance occurred in November, 1873.

Cushing was in command of the U. S. S. "Wyoming" at Aspinwall, when an urgent telegram was received from the U. S. Consul at Kingston, Jamaica, telling of the "need of a warship, and describing the capture, on the high seas, of the steamer 'Virginus,' and the shooting as pirates of her captain and part of her crew at Santiago de Cuba by order of the Spanish Governor-General Burriel, and that more American lives were in peril."

Believing it his duty to lose no time in representing his government, Cushing sailed at once for the scene, without waiting for orders, and arrived at Santiago, November 15. The British frigate "Niobe" was in the harbor. Her commander, Sir Lambert Lorraine, had made an earnest protest to the Governor, demanding that no more British subjects be shot. Gen. Burriel had ignored the letter, and two days before Cushing appeared, had shot twenty-eight more men, sixteen of whom were said to be British subjects. Immediately upon Cushing's arrival, he despatched a letter of protest to the Governor, and followed it up by a personal call, accompanied by some of his officers. Refusing to take the general's offered hand, he looked him squarely in the eye and demanded that not another prisoner should be shot, for if any more executions took place, he would better remove the women and children, as he (Cushing) should bombard the town. Awed and impressed by the words and bearing of the American officer, Gen. Burriel gave the desired promise—and kept it.

The following year a joint resolution (House Resolution No. 88) was introduced in the American Congress, "tendering the thanks of Congress to Sir Lambert Lorraine of the British navy, for his humane and generous interposition at Santiago de Cuba in protect-



COMMANDER WILLIAM BARKER CUSHING  
America's Naval Hero from Chathampton County



MRS. MARY B. CUSHING  
Mother of Commander Cushing



CUSHING MONUMENT, FREDONIA









Robert W. Jackson

ing the lives of the survivors of the *Virginius* expedition," etc. The Committee on Foreign Affairs, to whom the resolution was referred, reported that upon investigation they were pleased to add it was Commander W. B. Cushing, and not Sir L. Lorraine, who had caused the executions to cease." and "your committee believe that said joint resolution ought not to pass." "It fully appears that Capt. Cushing did his duty completely and gallantly in asserting the rights of the American government and its citizens, and upholding the honor of the American flag." Cushing, when only a junior officer, received the thanks of Congress in 1864 for the "Albemarle" exploit, but there were those who felt he had earned it a second time—which, if granted, would have been an unprecedented occurrence.

A few days after Commander Cushing's protest to Gen. Burriel, the U. S. S. "Juanita," commanded by Commander D. L. Braine, arrived from New York, sent to adjust matters, and Cushing returned to his station at Aspinwall.

That a hero's name and deeds are not forgotten, it should perhaps be recorded that so recently as 1915 two notable events in remembrance of this gallant officer took place. The first was the launching of the second torpedo destroyer to be called "Cushing," at Quincy, Mass., his daughter, Marie, giving it the cherished name. In the late World War the "Cushing" was the flagship of the torpedo destroyer fleet sent to England.

The second event in the same year was the unveiling of a splendid granite monument by his younger daughter, Katharine, at his birthplace at Delafield, Waukesha county, Wis. The State of Wisconsin appropriated a large sum of money and in connection with the Waukesha County Historical Society erected the stately shaft in a park of eight acres of the original farm where Alonzo and William were born. Howard was also born in the State, at Milwaukee, so the park is called "The Cushing Memorial Park." As it now belongs to the State Park System, it will be cared for in perpetuity.

Commander Cushing married, Feb. 22, 1870, Katherine Louise Forbes, daughter of Col. D. S. Forbes, of Fredonia. To them were born two daughters, Mary Louise, and Katherine A. Mrs. Cushing, a woman of taste and refinement, yet resides with her daughters in her pleasant home in Fredonia.

The memory of William B. Cushing has been honored by the various Grand Army posts in Wisconsin and other States of the Union named after him: while on the water the seagoing torpedo boat "Cushing" suggests by its character the daring of him for whom the vessel was named. A thousand pens have written of him and his deeds, and among the just and deserved tributes recorded in honor of his achievements the following are selected:

"A country and the navy may be proud of this most adventurous of their heroes." "Cushing, by repeated daring and successful achievements, has rivaled the fame of Paul Jones and Perry, and associated his name with theirs in immortality."

"That intense earnestness of purpose, that wonderful spirit of daring, and that supreme contempt of death which characterized the heroes of the great Rebellion, as well as the cool and deliberate calculations of its great leaders and master spirits, were qualities possessed by Cushing in the highest degree;

while in addition to all this he was gifted with a military ability, a faculty of invention and all-powerful will, which places him among the greatest naval heroes of all time."

"No Cleopatra of ease ever lured Cushing from any action of life and no thought of death ever cast a shadow of fear upon any enterprise, however dangerous, which he had conceived. He was always in the battle where the iron hail fell the thickest and his place in the picture was where the blaze of the cannon was the brightest."

**ROBERT HOUGHWOUT JACKSON**—In the year 1913 Robert H. Jackson was enrolled among the practicing lawyers of the Chautauqua county bar, he having chosen Jamestown as a location and there settled immediately after receiving his degree from the Albany Law School. The subsequent years have brought him success in his professional work, and he is firmly established among the rising young men of the Chautauqua bar. Robert H. Jackson is a son of William Eldred Jackson, now deceased, who at the time of the birth of his son was engaged in lumbering and farming in Spring Creek township, Warren county, Pa. The Jacksons were the earliest settlers in Spring Creek township, Elijah Jackson, great-grandfather, being the first settler. William E. Jackson married Angelina Houghwout, of Farmington township, Pa., and shortly after the birth of their son, they moved to Frewsburg, in the town of Carroll, Chautauqua county, N. Y., where William E. Jackson died, and his widow yet resides (1920) as do Mr. Jackson's sisters: Ella, now Mrs. Eric J. Springer, and Helen.

Robert H. Jackson was born on the farm cleared by his great-grandfather in Spring Creek township, Warren county, Pa., Feb. 13, 1892. He began his education in the public schools of Frewsburg, finishing with graduation from high school in 1909. He was a student in Jamestown High School, and during that period represented the school in several interscholastic debates. He was graduated with the class of 1910, and then began the study of law with Dean, Mott & Armstrong, of Jamestown, and a year later entered Albany Law School, Union University, whence he was graduated LL. B., class of 1913. Immediately after graduation he began practice at Jamestown and continued with great success until 1917, when he went to Buffalo and became temporarily associated with Norton, Penny & Killeen, a leading law firm of that city, representing many large corporation interests. Mr. Jackson's work there was as trial counsel, representing principally the International Railway Company. In this work he was very successful, but preferring the more general practice and the environment of the smaller city he returned to Jamestown in 1918 and resumed practice as the junior member of the law firm, Dean, Edson & Jackson. He enjoys the confidence of a large clientele, among which are public utility and industrial corporations. As a trial lawyer he is a familiar figure in the courts of Western New York. He is a member of the New York State Bar Association, the Jamestown Bar Association, and the Buffalo Lawyers' Club. In business life he is a director of the Bank of Jamestown, the Warren & Jamestown Street Railway Company, and of several other corporations.

In politics Mr. Jackson is an independent Demo-

crat and was formerly prominent in the activities of that party. He served two terms upon the Democratic State Committee, but in 1918 declined to become a candidate for reelection and has since taken no active part in the party organization, though still an alert and active participant in public affairs, but never a candidate for any office. He was for one term the Democratic member of Jamestown civil service commission, resigning that honor in 1918. In that year he was appointed by Mayor Carlson acting corporation counsel. He is a member of the Moon Brook Country Club, Jamestown Club, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and Fraternal Order of Eagles, having served the last named one term as president. He is deeply interested in literary, political and economic questions, belonging to the University Club, also a founder and the first president of the Saturday Night Club. To both these organizations he has contributed papers on various subjects and is a frequent, forceful and eloquent public speaker.

Mr. Jackson married, April 24, 1916, at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Albany, N. Y., Irene Alice Gerhardt, of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson are the parents of a son, William Eldred, born July 19, 1919.

**ROBERT BURTIS BLANCHARD, M. D.**—There is no better known or more popular physician in Jamestown, Chautauqua county, N. Y., than Dr. Robert Burtis Blanchard, of No. 8 East Second street, a native of this city, where his birth occurred March 27, 1883. Dr. Blanchard is a son of Dr. R. Newland Blanchard, and a grandson of Flint Blanchard, the elder a well known agriculturist of Ellicott, Chautauqua county. His father was one of the pioneer physicians of Jamestown. He married Belle Burtis, who survives him, and continues to make her home in Jamestown at the present time.

Dr. Robert Burtis Blanchard attended as a lad the public schools of his native town, graduating from the high school in the year 1902, where he was prepared for college. He then attended the medical school of the University of Buffalo, where he took the degree of M. D. and was graduated with the class of 1906. Following his studies at this institution, Dr. Blanchard acted as interne in the Erie County Hospital for one year, and in 1907 began the practice of his profession at Jamestown. Since that time he has developed a large practice here and is regarded as one of the leaders of his profession. Dr. Blanchard is prominent in social and fraternal circles at Jamestown, and is a member of various Masonic bodies, including Mt. Moriah Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Western Sun Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; and Jamestown Council, Royal and Select Masters. He is also a member of the Order of Eagles and was for some years the physician of this society. He is affiliated with the Jamestown Medical Society, the Chautauqua County Medical Society, the New York State Medical Association, and the American Medical Association. Besides his private practice, Dr. Blanchard is medical examiner for the John Hancock Life Insurance Company, the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company, the Connecticut General Life Insurance Company, the Union Central Insurance Company, and the Bankers'

Life Insurance Company. In politics he is a Republican, and for eight years held the important post of city physician of Jamestown.

Dr. Blanchard was united in marriage, June 25, 1914, with Lorene A. Rogerson, a daughter of David and Alberta M. Rogerson, highly respected residents of Jamestown. Two children have been born to Dr. and Mrs. Blanchard, as follows: Robert Burtis, Jr., Aug. 9, 1915; and Roger Newland, Dec. 18, 1917.

**WILLIAM H. MARVIN**—Son of a Chautauqua farmer and reared on one of the fertile farms of the town of Hanover, Mr. Marvin early felt the call of a business life, and at the age of seventeen left the farm for the shop, and since 1886 has been associated with Forestville's commercial interests. Since 1898 he has been in business under his own name and has built up a solid, substantial trade. Furniture and undertaking have been the lines followed, and under different firm names his has become the leading establishment of the town. William H. Marvin is a son of Henry Floyd and Mary (Devinney) Marvin, his father a farmer of Smith's Mills, Hanover, Chautauqua county. Mr. and Mrs. Marvin were the parents of four children: Josephine, married ——— Clark, of Cuba, N. Y.; Chester E., of Cuba, N. Y.; Jennie, married Daniel A. Dye, of Forestville; and William H., of further mention.

William H. Marvin was born at Smith's Mills, Hanover, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Jan. 3, 1869. He was educated in the district public schools, and until Feb. 18, 1886, remained on the farm, his father's assistant. He moved to Forestville, in his home town, on the date mentioned, and at once found employment in the furniture and undertaking business with F. D. Ellis. For about a dozen years he continued an employee, becoming very proficient, then in partnership with Daniel A. Dye he began business on his own account, under the firm name of Marvin & Dye. They prospered abundantly and conducted the business until 1915, when Marvin & Dye sold their business to Bury & Williams, of Springfield. Later, Mr. Marvin bought the Williams interest, and in partnership Marvin & Bury conducted the business until 1919, when he bought Mr. Bury's interest, the business now being known as William H. Marvin.

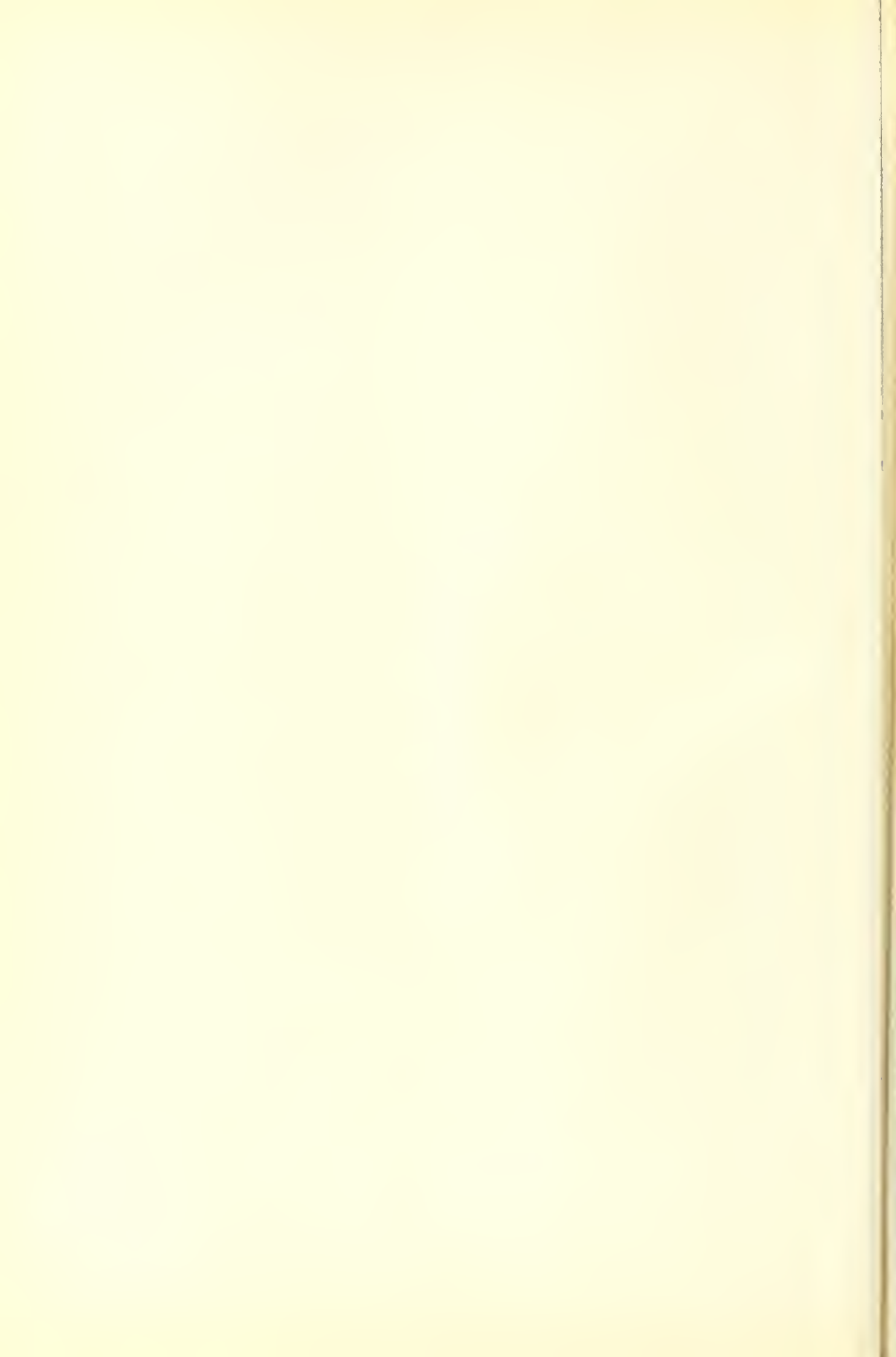
The farm has never been without its attraction for Mr. Marvin, and he has been for several years an extensive grape grower and general farmer. He is a member of the Masonic order, holding the thirty-second degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; member of the Order of the Eastern Star, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Silver Creek Motor Boat Club. In politics he is a Republican, and during the years 1916-17-18 he served as the duly elected sheriff of Chautauqua county. In religious affiliation he is connected with the Methodist Episcopal church. In 1920 he was elected president of the First National Bank of Forestville, of which he was an organizer and incorporator.

Mr. Marvin married, Sept. 7, 1898, in Forestville, Alice L. Reynolds, daughter of Sylvester and Frances (Gould) Reynolds, of Forestville.





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**LAWRENCE WARREN WILTSIE**—In 1875, Mr. Wiltsie was admitted to practice at the New York bar, and the same year he settled in Jamestown, in his native Chautauqua county. There during the forty years which have since intervened, he has continuously been engaged in the practice of his profession, his standing high with a large and influential clientele. Mr. Wiltsie is a descendant of an ancient Dutch Colonial family founded in New Amsterdam (New York), by Phillippe Martin Wiltsee, a soldier in the Dutch army, who came in the ship "New Netherlands," with his wife, two children and two servants. He was one of those detailed to build Fort Orange (Albany), but when the Indians forced the first Colonists at Fort Orange to return to New Amsterdam, Phillippe M. Wiltsee and his family settled at Waal Bogt, N. Y. Later he and his sons, Pierre and Hendrick, were killed by Indians at Swaanendael. His wife was Sophie (Ter Bosch) Wiltsee, born in Holland, who after the death of her husband is believed to have returned to Holland with the younger members of the family. Descendants settled all along the Hudson Valley from New York to Albany, and thence west along the Mohawk Valley, radiating eventually through all Western New York counties, this branch settling in Chautauqua county.

Mr. Wiltsie is a great-grandson of John Owens, a soldier of the French and Indian War and the Revolution, whose daughter, Elsie Owens, in 1806, married George W. Fenton, the father of Rueben E. Fenton, once Congressman, Governor of New York, and United States Senator. John Owens was born in Windsor, Conn., who, after his Revolutionary War service, left New England, and in 1808 settled in the town of Carroll, Chautauqua county, N. Y. He kept a tavern in Carroll for the entertainment of lumbermen and travelers all over the State road from Chautauqua county into Pennsylvania. He also operated a private ferry over the Conewango, and died in Carroll, Feb. 6, 1843, at the wonderful age of one hundred and seven, probably the oldest citizen who ever lived in the county. His military service was with the English army under General Wolfe at the capture of Quebec, and with Ethan Allen at the taking of Ticonderoga. He was a jovial, story-loving man, and his house was very popular with the weary raftsmen who sought his hospitality when tied up for the night.

Lawrence Warren Wiltsie, son of David and Jane P. (Hadley) Wiltsie, was born at the home farm in Carroll, Chautauqua county, N. Y., March 30, 1850, his father a farmer and lumber dealer at Frewsburg. He attended the public schools of Frewsburg, and the Union School of Jamestown, later studied law, and on April 9, 1875, was admitted to the New York bar at Rochester. He opened law offices in Jamestown the same year, rose rapidly in his profession, and is rated one of the strong men of the Chautauqua county bar. Mr. Wiltsie is a member of the Chautauqua County Bar Association, the New York Bar Association, Sons of the American Revolution, and is affiliated with Mt. Moriah Lodge, Western Sun Chapter, and Jamestown Commandery of the Masonic order. In politics he is a Democrat, and has been the party standard bearer in several campaigns, but the normal ad-

verse Republican majority is rarely overcome by a Democratic candidate in Jamestown.

At Olean, N. Y., Oct. 31, 1883, Mr. Wiltsie married Caroline P. Abrams, who died March 19, 1918, leaving a son, David Hadley Wiltsie, born in Jamestown, March 13, 1888. He was educated in Jamestown grammar and high schools; Phillips Exeter Academy, Exeter, N. H.; Yale University, A. B., class of 1912; and the University of Berlin, being a student there in 1914, when the world was fanned into a flame of war through the action of Germany. Mr. Wiltsie had a hard time in getting out of Germany, but finally reached England, his health seriously effected. He returned to Jamestown, where he died July 3, 1920.

**FRED VICTOR ANDERSON**, an alderman of the city of Jamestown, and assistant cashier of the Liberty National Bank, is a native of Jamestown, born Jan. 1, 1886, a son of John A. and Emma C. (Abrahamson) Anderson, both of whom are now living. The elder Mr. Anderson is at the present time connected with the firm of Abrahamson-Bigelow Company, the owners of the largest department store in Jamestown, an association which has existed for many years.

Fred Victor Anderson received his education as a boy in the local public schools, completing his studies in the grammar grades and continuing for two years in the high school. Being ambitious to begin the active business of life, he then gave up his studies with that institution and entered the Jamestown Business College, where he took a commercial course and was graduated in the year 1904. Upon completing his studies there, he at once secured a position in the Bank of Jamestown, where he remained for about thirteen years, gaining in the meantime an intimate knowledge of banking and business methods generally. For one year following his connection with the Bank of Jamestown, Mr. Anderson was associated with the International Flag Company, but retired from that position in order to accept the offer made to him by the Liberty National Bank to become its assistant cashier. He has continued in this office ever since and has made himself exceedingly useful to this concern. Mr. Anderson has been exceedingly active in local public affairs, and is a very prominent member of the Republican party in the county, his voice being heard in all their councils. It was in the year 1917 that he was elected to the Board of Aldermen of Jamestown and still serves on that body, having proved himself a most capable and disinterested public servant. He has also participated prominently in the war work of the community, and is chairman of the finance committee of the Board of Aldermen, positions of great responsibility for so young a man. In his religious belief Mr. Anderson is a Lutheran and attends the First Lutheran Church at Jamestown. He possesses an unusual talent for music, and at the present time is choir director of the Swedish Methodist Episcopal Church, possessing himself a fine and well-trained baritone voice. His love for music induced him to take a full course in that art at the Jamestown Conservatory of Music, so that he is thoroughly educated in this line, and for three years was a member of the Presbyterian quar-

tette here. Mr. Anderson is a member of Mt. Moriah Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and is now passing through the chairs of this lodge. He is also a member of Mt. Tabor Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is past noble grand, of the Northern Club, of the Scandinavian-American Foundation (charter member), and a director of the Young Men's Christian Association.

Fred Victor Anderson was united in marriage June 4, 1912, at Jamestown, with Elma E. Sandburg.

**CARL FRANKLIN STRATFORD**, the well known and popular citizen of Jamestown, N. Y., where he is secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, is a native of St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada, where he was born, Aug. 31, 1889. He is a son of Eli T. and Minnie (Moore) Stratford, his father having been a railroad worker upon coming to the United States, and was also engaged as a sub-contractor. While Carl F. Stratford was still an infant, his parents moved to Buffalo, N. Y., where the family resided for a number of years, and it was here that he received his preliminary education, attending the grammar schools and later the Buffalo High School. He was but twelve years of age when he became interested in the Young Men's Christian Association work, and after leaving high school, Mr. Stratford continued his studies in the schools of the Young Men's Christian Association, identifying himself and becoming acquainted with all the details of the work of this splendid organization. Upon reaching the age of nineteen, Mr. Stratford was given his first official appointment in the employ of the "Association," namely, that of assistant at the Buffalo Central "Y." He held this post for a period of two years and then, upon reaching his majority, was appointed secretary of the Lackawanna branch of the Young Men's Christian Association at Buffalo. Mr. Stratford filled this post with exceptional skill, and it was due to his able management and clear foresight that the Lackawanna branch owes its rapid growth and development. Mr. Stratford's next appointment was that of membership secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association at Erie, Pa., where he continued his brilliant work. It was not long after receiving this post that Mr. Stratford was sent to Kane, Pa., there to take charge of the Young Men's Christian Association work, and at this city he was given the position of general secretary, a most deserving office. In August, 1917, he came to Jamestown to accept the office of general secretary of the "Y" here, and up to the present Mr. Stratford can claim the honorable service of eleven years with the Young Men's Christian Association. Mr. Stratford may be classed as a "miracle man" with regard to the exceptional progress he has made with the work entrusted to him. He has a strong personality, and an ability to handle men, and at present has no less than ten assistants who aid him in his important duties connected with the "Y" work. The Young Men's Christian Association building here is a handsome edifice and has room for seventy-five guests. It also conducts a summer branch on Lake Chautauqua. Mr. Stratford enjoys his works, especially that branch which has always been so attractive to him,

namely, the Boys' Department, in which he takes a very active interest.

During the World War, Mr. Stratford served as publicity director for Chautauqua county in all the Liberty Loan drives; as campaign director for the county in the United War Fund Campaign, and local director for the Young Men's Christian Association and Red Cross drives. In his religious belief Mr. Stratford is a Presbyterian, and attends the church of this denomination in Jamestown. He is a member of the national organization of the Young Men's Christian Association workers. Mr. Stratford does not take an active interest in politics, due to the exacting duties connected with his important post at the "Y." He is not affiliated with any party and may be regarded as an independent voter, preferring not to ally himself with any political party whatsoever.

Carl Franklin Stratford married, at Buffalo, N. Y., Aug. 22, 1912, Edith Thomas, a resident of that place, and a daughter of F. A. and Ida (Jefferies) Thomas, old and highly respected citizens. The Thomas family originally came from Rochester, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Stratford are the parents of two children: Ruth Thomas, and Thomas Alanson.

**CHARLES A. JOHNSON**, a well regarded and responsible citizen of Jamestown, N. Y., for more than thirty-five years, and a leader among the Swedish people of that place, has for thirty years been a director of the Atlas Furniture Company, under that name and under its former trading designation, the Swedish Furniture Company, and has been vice-president of the company for twenty-four years. Charles A. Johnson is quite a self-made man, as that term is known; the success which has come to him has been entirely by his own efforts, by his resolute application to study, even after he had begun his business life, and by his honesty of purpose and moral integrity. He applied himself steadily to honest production, and that production in due course brought an honest return. And some of his outside associations indicate that he is a man in whom others have confidence, and that in the affairs of his fellow-citizens of Swedish antecedents he has taken an active interest. He is a director of the American National Bank, and is president and director of the "Scandia," a Swedish newspaper.

Charles A. Johnson was born Feb. 23, 1860, in Sweden, and in due course attended the school of his native place. His father, now deceased, was Jonas Johanson, and on his father's farm Charles A. worked during his boyhood. He remained near his parents until he had reached the age of twenty-two years, but then decided to come to America, his brother having already gone, and, according to report, having successfully settled in Jamestown, N. Y. Therefore, Charles A. came, and upon arrival in America came to Jamestown, where ever since he has remained, incessantly working, and for the greater part of the time working amid associations of consequence or promise to the city of Jamestown. He has taken appreciable part in the maintenance of the city in continued prosperity during the last thirty years, for the companies with which he has actively been connected, in respon-





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sible capacity, have been steady producers, and steady employers of labor, in the production of a commodity which has been marketed almost exclusively outside the city. Upon arriving in Jamestown, in 1882, he began to work for the Jamestown Banding Company, with which company he remained for five years. In his early years, he was much handicapped because of a poor understanding of English, and he saw that in other academic and fundamental subjects his Swedish schooling was deficient. Therefore, he assiduously studied during the early years of his residence in Jamestown, attending local night schools for the purpose, but mainly studying at home. He was a young man of alert intelligence, apt in most things, and he soon became a skilled workman; and his private learning soon closed the gap in his knowledge of general subjects. And by steady attendance at his work, and consistent thrift, he was able to grasp other opportunities which came. In 1887, he acquired an interest in the Swedish Furniture Company, which, under a later reconstruction, became the Atlas Furniture Company, under which name it now trades. Charles A. Johnson has had charge of the finishing and shipping departments of that company for the last twenty-five years; has been director for thirty years, since 1889; and has been its vice-president since 1896; so that he has held a sufficiently responsible capacity in the affairs of a substantial industry of Jamestown. Mr. Johnson is a member of the Norden Club of Jamestown, and of the "Swedish One Hundred Member Society." For many decades he has been an earnest member of the church, and in Jamestown attends the Swedish Zion Church, to which he has given due support.

Mr. Johnson was married, in Jamestown, in 1901, to Hannah Collin. They have three children: 1. Lillian, who is now a high school undergraduate. 2. Mildred, who attends the elementary school. 3. Marion, who also attends the public school.

**THE ATLAS FURNITURE COMPANY** of Jamestown, now among the large manufacturers of furniture in Western New York, was founded principally by L. E. Erickson and Gustave Holmberg, and others, in 1883, under the corporate title "The Swedish Furniture Company," Gustave Holmberg, president; L. E. Erickson, secretary and treasurer. The original plant of the company was located on East Second street, Jamestown, but a fire destroyed that building and new quarters were found on Harrison street, which were occupied until 1887, when a plant was purchased in Randolph, N. Y. At that time the capital stock was increased and about fifteen new stockholders admitted. The officially active members were and always have been but few in number, and among them are F. O. Strandberg, C. A. Johnson and L. E. Erickson. At about this time the corporate name was changed to the Atlas Furniture Company, F. O. Strandberg, president; C. A. Johnson, vice-president, and L. E. Erickson, secretary-treasurer; the latter died in 1905. Gustave Holmberg relinquished active part in the new organization in favor of the new members, his home being too far from Randolph for him to continue active in the management. The plant of the company in Randolph was occupied four years, then sold, and

a large modern plant erected on the Allen street extension in Jamestown. This plant was enlarged as needs required until 1910, when the Atlas Furniture Company purchased the nearby plant of the Liberty Furniture Company on Blackstone avenue. The company now (1920) employ about 200 highly skilled mechanics and manufacture high grade bedroom furniture. The present officers of the company are: President, Frank O. Strandberg; vice-president, Charles A. Johnson; secretary-treasurer, John A. Hagg. The directors are: F. O. Strandberg, C. A. Johnson, Andrew Wallin, Gustave Wallin, Carl Nelson, Andrew Venman, Lester Strandberg.

The Atlas Furniture Company since its inception has enjoyed remarkable success and prosperity. Its products are well known in the furniture world and dealers are supplied in all parts of the United States, as well as some in foreign countries.

**GEORGE WASHINGTON JUDE**, one of the most prominent and successful attorneys of Jamestown, N. Y., where he has an office in the Wellman building, is a native of Chautauqua county, his birth having occurred there Feb. 22, 1867. Mr. Jude is a son of Joseph and Mary (Graham) Jude, and a member of an old English family, his ancestry having held an important position in the community where they lived. The elder Mr. Jude followed the occupation of farming for many years in this region, and is now deceased, as is also his wife.

George Washington Jude attended as a lad the district country school, and at the same time assisted his father with the work on the latter's farm. Later he became a pupil of the Sugar Grove Seminary at Sugar Grove, Pa., where he was prepared for college. He then matriculated at Otterbein University, Westerville, Ohio, from which he graduated with the class of 1891, taking at the same time his degree as Bachelor of Arts. After completing his general education, Mr. Jude taught in Sugar Grove Seminary, and then went to the University of Chicago, where he took a number of special post-graduate courses. The following two years were spent as a teacher in the same school, during which time he determined to follow the profession of law as a career, and with this end in view entered the law office of Green & Woodbury, prominent attorneys of Jamestown, where he pursued his legal studies to such good purpose that he was admitted to the Chautauqua county bar in July, 1890. Mr. Jude had during this time been obliged to engage in remunerative occupations of one kind or another in order to pay for his tuition in the various institutions of learning which he had attended. Upon his admission to the bar, he opened a law office in Jamestown and since that time has been active in the general practice of his profession here. Mr. Jude has proven himself particularly well qualified for his legal practice and has built up for himself an enviable reputation, both on account of his ability and the high standard of professional ethics which he has maintained. He has now one of the largest clienteles in the city and handles a great deal of important litigation in the region. Mr. Jude is also active in the general life of Jamestown, and is a member of a number of important organizations here.

He is keenly interested in local politics and classes himself as an independent Republican, having been elected to a number of public offices on the ticket of that party. Although entirely unambitious for political preferment, he has held the office of judge of the Police Court for one term and has served on the Board of Education for three years. He also represented Jamestown in the State Legislature in 1913, and in all these capacities has proved himself a most able and disinterested public servant. Mr. Jude is a member of Mt. Moriah Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Jamestown Lodge, Scottish Rite Masons; Mt. Tabor Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and the Sons of St. George.

George Washington Jude was united in marriage, Dec. 29, 1902, with Lyda Pearl Boardman, a daughter of Alphonso M. and Alice (Kay) Boardman, old and highly respected residents of Bradford, Pa. One child has been born of this union, Robert Boardman, Nov. 8, 1906.

**JARED HEWES**, well known as an agriculturalist and man of affairs, is one of the prominent figures in the agricultural, industrial, business and social life of Chautauqua county. He has for thirty-five years been a director and for thirty years secretary of the Patrons' Fire Relief Association of Chautauqua county, N. Y., and has seen the growth of this association from a small beginning to one carrying an outstanding insurance at the present time amounting to \$15,931.130, insured on property exclusively within Chautauqua county. And his identity has meant much to the material increase in the Order of the Patrons of Husbandry, as well as other things which he has been identified with.

Jared Hewes, son of Daniel H. and Abigail (Irwin) Hewes, was born July 23, 1848, in Chautauqua county. His birthplace was on the ground which was later occupied by the well known Chautauqua Institution. His father, native of the East, came from Saratoga Springs, N. Y., and was amongst the first pioneers of Chautauqua county, and here became a prosperous farmer, stock dealer and butcher. He was prominent in local affairs, being a supervisor of the town of Chautauqua, and during the Civil War was an agent for the United States Government, his duty being to purchase horses for army service.

In his youth, Jared Hewes attended the common schools of his town, after which he, with his brothers, assisted his father in farming and the butcher business. The meat business in which they engaged became the well-known firm of Daniel H. Hewes & Sons, and for many years supplied people on the Chautauqua Grounds. When still quite a young man Jared Hewes taught school for five winter terms, and by his consistent effort he prospered, and as a result he acquired a farm, about 1876, consisting of 50 acres of unimproved land and later added to this 150 acres. He cultivated and did much to develop his farm, and thus earned the reputation of being one of the county's best know farmers. He remained in the pursuit of a farmer for a number of years, and in 1918 sold his land and established a home at Cheney's Point on Lake Chautauqua.

The Patrons' Fire Relief Association was organized in 1877, and he being a member of the Patrons of Husbandry insured his farm property in the association, the first insurance he ever carried of any kind. He took an active interest in this organization in connection with his farm work, and in 1885 was elected a director, and in 1890 succeeded Walter C. Gifford as secretary. Both positions he ably filled until his retirement in 1920. While Mr. Hewes was secretary, he originated an accounting system for the association's records, which was one of the most simplified methods that could be employed in the large field of insurance. He devoted the greater portion of his time to the duties of his office, and was a regular attendant at the meetings of the Patrons of Husbandry, attended exclusively by farmers, and with them Jared Hewes was one of the ardent workers. He represented the Patrons' Fire Relief Association at the annual meetings of the New York Central Organization of Co-operative Fire Insurance Companies, and in 1919 was chairman of the memorial committee. As a member of the legislative committee of the New York State Central Organization, which represented one hundred twenty companies of the State, he did much to promote good understanding and relations in the insurance world. Besides the foregoing activities, he was able to identify himself with other important interests, being a director of the Bank of Jamestown upon its organization in 1903 and until his resignation in 1920; director of Jamestown Metal Furniture Company from its organization until the sale of this company to the Art Metal Construction Company; an officer in the Federal Land Bank and the United States Treasury Department as an appraiser of farms, with headquarters at Springfield, Mass. He was one of the organizers of the Chautauqua County Farm Bureau, the third of its kind in New York State, of which he served as president for five years. A Republican in politics, Mr. Hewes represented the town of Harmony in the Chautauqua County Board of Supervisors, 1890-1895, inclusive, succeeding Loren B. Session, who held the office continuously from 1873 to 1889; at numerous Congressional, State, and County conventions he has represented his party as a delegate. He was one of the charter members of Stedman Grange, No. 241, Patrons of Husbandry; the Harmony Farmers' Club, and an attendant of the United Brethren Church of Chautauqua.

Mr. Hewes married, in the town of Chautauqua, N. Y., Dec. 27, 1871, Lorilla Wier, born April 17, 1846, in Washington county, N. Y., died in Chautauqua county, N. Y., April 7, 1915, daughter of Hiram and Maria (Gifford) Wier, both of Washington county, N. Y., and later of Chautauqua county. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hewes: 1. Clara, born April 23, 1873, educated in the district schools, Mayville High School, and Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, N. Y.; married Jesse E. Ford, of Harmony, and to this union there are two children, Helen L., and Jared H. 2. Walter W., born Sept. 23, 1875, educated in the district schools and Jamestown High School; married Edith C. Cowles, and to them were born two children. Catherine C., and Warren J.

Jared Hewes comes from a long line of descent; a







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number of his forebears were amongst the first colonists into America, his great-grandfather, George R. T. Hewes, who died at the age of one hundred nine years and two months, was the last survivor of the old Boston Tea Party, and Joseph Hewes was among the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

**JOHN SHIRLEY EDDY**—The Eddys came to the town of Harmony, Chautauqua county, N. Y., about 1830, from Rutland county, Vt., settling on a farm at Watts Flats, which John Eddy bought. He left a son, Jonathan Eddy, born in Rutland county, Vt., who married Bessie B. Holbrook, born in Hamburg, Erie county, N. Y., and they were the parents of John Shirley Eddy, who lives on, owns and cultivates the old homestead farm, bought from the Holland Land Company by his wife's father, Lucius Button.

John Shirley Eddy was born on the farm at Watts Flats, town of Harmony, Chautauqua county, N. Y., July 1, 1845, and resides near Panama, seventy-five years later, a successful, substantial agriculturist. He was educated in the public schools of his district, and from youth has been familiar with farm labor and management. He is a member of the Patrons of Husbandry, a Baptist in religious faith, and a Republican in politics.

Mr. Eddy married, in Panama, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Feb. 9, 1867, Mercy M. Button, born April 12, 1847, in Panama, daughter of Lucius and Almira (Lamb) Button, her parents born in Rutland county, Vt. Mr. and Mrs. Eddy are the parents of four children: 1. Lucius Button, born Feb. 18, 1869, married Bertha Sherwood, and has three children: Shirley T., Neta, and Ruth. 2. Eugene R., born April 3, 1878; married Inez Eddy, and has one child, Beth; the family resides in the State of Washington. 3. Martin C., born March 7, 1881; farmer and resides on the farm adjoining that of his father; married Eugenia Swart, and has four children: Edith, Dorothy, Clemons, and Robert. 4. Almira May, born Dec. 2, 1884; married W. W. Towne, and has three children: Allison Holbrook, Bruce Eddy, Alma Marie Towne; they reside in the State of Washington.

**CHARLES EMIL ANDERSON**, of the firm of Anderson & Drake, and one of the best known dentists in Chautauqua county, N. Y., where he has been in practice for upwards of thirty years, is a native of Sweden, his birth having occurred in that country, May 6, 1864. His childhood was passed in his native land, and he there began his education, attending for that purpose the local public schools.

Dr. Anderson is a son of John B. and Marv Anderson, and when a mere lad was brought by them to the United States, the family coming direct to Jamestown, where he continued his education and was prepared for college. He entered the Philadelphia Dental College and there took the regular course in dentistry, graduating from that institution with the class of 1888, and at the same time receiving his degree. He at once returned to Jamestown and formed a partnership with Dr. E. J. Swetland, under the firm name of Swetland & Anderson, and here carried on his profession with a

high degree of success. This association continued uninterruptedly until the year 1915, when Dr. Swetland retired from active practice. Dr. Anderson then took Dr. L. R. Drake as a partner and the business is still continued under the name of Anderson & Drake. A large and high-class clientele has been built up by this firm, which is now recognized as one of the leading concerns of its kind in Jamestown, and Dr. Anderson is personally the possessor of an enviable reputation both for ability and for the high standards of professional ethics maintained by him. Dr. Anderson has always been keenly interested in the general welfare of his profession, and is a member of the Jamestown Dental Society, the New York State Dental Society, and the National Dental Association. He is also a conspicuous figure in the general life of the community, and affiliated with a number of important organizations here, both social and fraternal, among which should be mentioned, the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Royal Arch Masons, Royal and Select Masters, Knights Templar, and Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. In addition to these Masonic bodies, he is also a member of the Jamestown Chamber of Commerce, and has been very active in promoting the general material welfare of the community in this capacity. His club is the Norden, which claims a large and distinguished membership among the numerous citizens of Swedish birth and origin in these parts.

Dr. Anderson was united in marriage, June 26, 1889, at Jamestown, with Henrietta C. Johnson, a daughter of Gust. A. and Mary Johnson, of Jamestown. Dr. and Mrs. Anderson are the parents of one daughter, Sherleigh Anderson, who became the wife of D. H. Mitchell, of Santa Paula, Cal.

**T. HENRY BLACK**—In reviewing the past history of any individual it is often necessary to touch upon their antecedents as bearing directly on the character and make-up of the person described. Thomas Henry Black, subject of the present sketch, is a well known photographer and business man of Jamestown, N. Y., and has been prominently identified in his profession for many years, being one of the leading photographers of Chautauqua county. He numbers among his patronage many important personal, commercial and landscape subjects of the city and surrounding country. The studio which Mr. Black conducts is known to be one of the oldest in the county, being in existence for many years before his coming to Jamestown in 1884. Originally this building was a hotel, but in 1871 it was remodeled into a studio, the entrance being directly from the side street. In those days it was operated by veteran photographers who made their own photographic plates and paper, and, in fact, Mr. Black has a number of valuable negatives made by these photographers that are marvels of workmanship. These negatives depict many of the residents back in the early days of Jamestown's history. Mr. Black had his photo taken in this studio many years ago as a small boy in knee pants and it is treasured by him as a unique souvenir of photography in those days.

Thomas Henry Black, son of Thomas and Eliza (Gormley) Black, is a native of Toronto, Canada, born

Nov. 27, 1867. His father came from the North of Ireland, likewise his mother, and it was in their native land that the parents of Thomas Henry first met. They were married in Ireland in 1863, and shortly afterwards emigrated to Canada, locating in Toronto. Thomas Black, the father, was a remarkably talented man in many ways, and was widely noted as a landscape gardener, his services being frequently sought to oversee the work of laying out large estates. He spent a number of years in Toronto, and about 1871 he came to the United States, bringing with him his family, going direct to Titusville, Pa., during the oil excitement. His brother John had preceded him there, and together they built a home for their respective families. It was while living in Titusville that Mr. Black met Henry Harley, then the country's oil king, and Mr. Harley made a flattering proposition to him to go to Long Point, on Chautauqua Lake, and take complete charge of Mr. Harley's country estate at that place. This commission was accepted, and in 1875 Mr. Black and his family became residents of Chautauqua county.

While at Long Point, Mr. Harley gave him *carté blanc* over the entire estate and during the following nine years the development of horticulture and agriculture made of Long Point one of the model show places and farms on the lake. It was here that his son, Thomas Henry Black, spent his early boyhood, and attended the district school at West Ellery, some considerable distance from home. In fact, it was the remoteness of Mr. Black's home from schooling facilities that influenced him to come to Jamestown in 1884, and so, with regret, his resignation was tendered to Mr. Harley in that year.

The subsequent years were spent in Jamestown, with the exception of a short period in the South as foreman over a large plantation, and in a part of this city, then called Dexterville, he operated a successful truck farm, and later managed the estate of the late Gov. R. E. Fenton. At the time of his death he was engaged by Frank Edward Gifford, president of the First National Bank. Honesty, simplicity and a desire to serve were the prevailing characteristics of this man, who by earnest toil carved for himself an enduring place in the hearts of all who knew him. His death, in 1890, came as an extreme loss. Thomas and Eliza (Gormley) Black were the parents of nine children, of whom Thomas Henry is the only surviving one.

Very early in life Thomas Henry Black showed a remarkable talent for art, and was able to sketch in freehand drawings objects of interest. He was never tired of drawing pictures of scenery, and frequently adorned the blackboard in the district school with accurate reproductions of local scenes. In fact his pencil was more frequently employed in drawing pictures than in figuring sums, and as a result his lessons were frequently neglected. As he grew older his natural talent for drawing was augmented by his desire to write, and had he received proper encouragement at this period in life along these lines, he would have later distinguished himself as an artist or a litterateur. His parents, however, had other aims in view and so after leaving school he went into business, drifting from one thing to another in quest of his ideals until finally he sailed into the harbor of photography, where he anchored for life.

As has been stated, his boyhood days were spent on the farm at Long Point. The year 1884 marked the real beginning of his literary life, and on March 4, 1884, he began writing a diary and, remarkable as it may seem, kept a constant record of his life for thirty-five consecutive years. This practice gave him experience in writing so that he was able to contribute to various newspapers and magazines. In fact he was the editor of the first news publication in the old Jamestown Union School in 1886. In 1893 he was interested in newspaper work and got out a creditable Chautauqua Lake edition to the Jamestown "Sunday Sun."

Although Mr. Black never made use of his literary ability as an asset, he is gifted with a poetic sense and has written some creditable poems. These are characteristics of the man which are not generally known, but which serves to show his artistic and literary tendencies.

Mr. Black's early training in his chosen profession was with B. E. Prudden, one of Jamestown's best photographers in those days. This was in 1893. In 1890 young Black's father died and he was left with his widowed mother to battle with life's problems. During this time he essayed writing short stories and did considerable newspaper work up to the time he began traveling for the North American Portrait Company, at that time a progressive and thriving enterprise of Jamestown. For several years he represented this house on the road. In 1893 he made his first venture into business and bought out a third interest in the Loucks Aristotype Company, of Jamestown, N. Y. This company, composed of Tom, George and Will Loucks, manufactured printing-out paper for the use of photographers. Later in this same year Mr. Black exchanged his interest in this company for the photo studio which is still conducted by him. In 1895 he conducted a branch studio in the village of Sinclairville for over a year. In 1899 the big convention of the Photographers' Association of America was held at Celoron, N. Y., in which Mr. Black was prominently identified, and he captured one of the prizes for good workmanship. In 1905 Mr. Black traveled extensively, visiting New York City, Boston, Philadelphia, and other large cities in quest of experience in his chosen work. The year 1914 marks a sad period in the life of Mr. Black, as it was in this year he lost his mother, a sainted woman, whose influence for good was felt by all who knew her. This irreparable loss cast a gloom over the events immediately after, and a series of misfortunes attended every step. It was in the latter part of this year that Mr. Black ventured into the moving picture business while also conducting his photo studio, but owing to mismanagement of those he employed to run his moving picture business, this venture came to grief. This, however, taught him a lesson, since which time he has confined his entire time and attention to his photographic affairs. As a result he has succeeded in bringing the business to its present high degree of success and efficiency.

Mr. Black is identified with numerous social organizations of the city. He belongs to the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Loyal Order of Moose, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Jamestown Board of Commerce. During his early life in James-





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town, he took an active interest in the Young Men's Christian Association, just then starting; and in 1886 was confirmed in the Episcopal church, and was for several years librarian of the Sunday school.

Modest and retiring in disposition, earnest and conscientious in his work, it is but natural that he is getting the recognition he deserves, and future history will record the name of Black as among those who worked and won. As an example of Mr. Black's literary efforts in his early days, the writer submits the following poems:

#### MOONLIGHT ON CHAUTAUQUA.

Pray come with me, those who have never tried  
The sweet enjoyment of a moonlight ride  
Upon Chautauqua, sparkling in the light  
Of Luna, lovely Goddess of the night.

The dipping oars so gently move the boat,  
The silver moon reflected, seems to float  
Beneath the clear calm surface of the lake  
And sheds soft radiance o'er the rippling wake.

The quiet stillness, which o'er all prevails,  
Embues our nature with responsive thrills.  
We're lost in thought, scarce moves the oars apace,  
And silence reigns supreme in every place.

What are our thoughts as o'er the lake we glide,  
Surrounded by the peaceful eventide?  
Are they of love, or hate, or philosophic lore,  
Of present, future, or of days no more?

Nay, none of these, we think of nature fair,  
More lovely far than artist's pictures rare,  
O, rapturous beauty of the silent night,  
Clothed in voluptuous robes of pale blue light.

#### CHAUTAUQUA CHIMES.

Dedicated to the Bells at Chautauqua, in the year 1888,  
by T. Henry Black.

Chautauqua Chimes, Chautauqua Chimes,  
Methinks I hear them now at times,  
Filling my soul with melody,  
Inspiring thoughts of poetry.

Hark! in the chambers of my brain  
Again I hear that sweet refrain,  
And with it happy thoughts of yore  
Come drifting through my memory's door.

Blissful the walks beneath the trees,  
Fanned by the cooling evening breeze,  
While clear the notes ring from the bells  
In silvery tones the cadence swells.

#### AUTUMN.

Autumn is here, the time of year  
When Dame Nature doth appear  
In a twofold character.  
Sad, though gay, she seems to say,  
I'll rejoice, then die away.  
The autumn breeze sighs through the trees  
Adorned with many colored leaves,  
Which, blown around, lie on the ground,  
In every nook and corner found.  
Rustling now beneath our feet,  
Trampled in the muddy street,  
Floating lazily through the air,  
Suggesting sadness everywhere.  
Flushed, though faded, there they lie,  
The symbol of a summer sigh.  
The birds are gone, we miss their song  
At eventide, and at the dawn.  
As flying round from tree to tree  
They filled the air with melody.  
The crickets, too, which chirped all through  
The summer days, have bid adieu;  
Likewise the bee no more we see,  
Nor the butterfly floating idly,  
For silence reigns throughout the land,  
Touched by autumn's withering wand.

**ABRAHAM LINCOLN GLEASON**—During his lifetime A. Lincoln Gleason built up a high reputation as a breeder of pure Holstein cattle, as a dealer and shipper of live stock, and as the owner of Apple Grove Farm, apples being a specialty with him for many years. He was well known far and near as a thoroughly modern, progressive farmer, a reliable, energetic business man and as a man of upright life and high principles. He was a son of Rufus and Marie Etta (Northrop) Gleason, his father a farmer who came from Connecticut and early settled in Chautauqua county, N. Y.

A. Lincoln Gleason was born at the home farm, Open Meadows, town of Harmony, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Aug. 1, 1866, and died on a farm in the same town, May 21, 1920. He was educated in the public schools, and adopted his father's calling, beginning his farming and stock growing operations when a young man. At his death at the age of fifty-four he was the owner of a fine farm consisting of 250 acres of well improved land, his apple orchard the most extensive in the county. He was an enthusiastic breeder of Holsteins, his pure bred nearly white cattle being a prize herd. He dealt heavily in live stock, and was one of the best known shippers in the county. Apple Grove Farm, named for its orchards, was equally well known in the produce market, the annual shipment of fruit being very large. Mr. Gleason was a member of the Patrons of Husbandry, the Methodist Episcopal church, and in politics a Prohibitionist.

Mr. Gleason married, Nov. 26, 1903, at Open Meadows, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Johanna Peterson, born in Denmark, March 28, 1882, daughter of Peter and Johanna (Swanson) Peterson, her parents of Swedish birth. Children: Ellen Maryetta, born Sept. 16, 1904; Eva Hazel, born July 25, 1906; Ethel Martin, born March 7, 1908; Abraham Lincoln, Jr., born Sept. 14, 1911; John Samuel, born Feb. 21, 1913; Richard Norman, born Dec. 18, 1918. Mrs. Gleason survives her husband and continues the management of Apple Grove Farm.

**JOHN EVELEN CANEEN, M. D.**, graduate of the University of Buffalo, medical department, in 1883, has passed many years of his professional practice in Ripley, Chautauqua county, N. Y., even though from 1901 to 1918 he was in medical practice in Nebraska. From 1887 until 1901, Dr. Caneen practiced successfully in Ripley, to which place he returned in 1918 to resume his practice.

John Evelen Caneen is a native of New York, born in Cattaraugus county, Aug. 20, 1855, the son of Thomas and Dollie (Cooper) Caneen. His father was a successful merchant, having extensive business in that part of the State, and the son was given good educational opportunities. For primary instruction he attended the district schools, later taking a preparatory course in the Rudolph Academy, and subsequently entering the State Normal School, from which he graduated in due course. Then he proceeded to the University of Buffalo, and became an undergraduate in the medical department. After proper application to the study of medical science for the requisite period,

he graduated, thus gaining the degree of Doctor of Medicine. That was in 1883. He began to practice as a general practitioner in that year at Cherry Creek, Chautauqua county, N. Y., removing to Ripley in 1887, and there practicing continuously until 1901, when he went to Nebraska, there engaging in professional work until 1918, when he returned to Ripley and resumed his practice.

Dr. Caneen is well regarded in Ripley, and in Chautauqua county generally, and during his earlier practice in this State had good place among his professional confreres. He has held membership in the American Medical Association, the New York State Medical Association, the Chautauqua County, New York Medical Association, and the Nebraska Medical Association. Religiously, Dr. Caneen is a Baptist, and fraternally he belongs to the Odd Fellows.

Dr. Caneen married (first) Minerva Graham, of Olean, N. Y., by whom there was issue, a daughter, Ethel, who now is Mrs. George McIntosh. He married (second) Bertha S. Stilson, of Cherry Creek, Chautauqua county, N. Y., to whom also one child has been born, Dorothy Kathryn, who attends school in Ripley.

**FRANCIS GEER**—At a ripe old age, Samuel Geer, a pioneer of the Fredonia district of Chautauqua county, N. Y., died, leaving a son Francis Geer, born in Fredonia, April 19, 1812, who died in Jamestown, Aug. 8, 1887. He grew to manhood at the home farm and attended the district school, remaining his father's assistant until coming of age, then learned the tanner's trade, which he followed for several years. He then located in Jamestown, where he learned furniture finishing and became an expert in that line. He was well known in the furniture trade, and continued in business in Jamestown until his death. He was a member of the Baptist church, and a Republican in politics, coming to that party upon the collapse of the Whig party. He was a man of quiet, domestic tastes, temperate in all his habits, never using tobacco, and was of most correct, upright, moral life. He is buried in Lakeview Cemetery.

Francis Geer married, in Jamestown, Julia Marsh, born in Kiantone, Chautauqua county, N. Y., daughter of Asa B. and Della (Davis) Marsh. Mrs. Geer was a member of the Baptist church, and a woman highly esteemed. She died July 16, 1894, and is buried beside her husband in Lakeview Cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Geer were the parents of eight children: Judson Francis, a Union soldier in the Civil War, who died in the army; Theodore Orlando, also a soldier of the Union, who died in the service; Isadore, married Joseph Hegeman, both deceased, she a teacher in Jamestown prior to her marriage; Lester Clement, deceased; Delia Elmira, died aged twelve years; Louise E., of further mention; Emerson E., deceased; Adalaide, a resident of Jamestown; Emma, died in youthful womanhood.

Louise E. Geer was born in Jamestown, N. Y., where she was educated in the public schools, finishing with high school graduation. After a special course in the normal department, she began teaching in the Fairmount public school; she remained here for one year. This was followed by a long term of service in the public schools of Jamestown, N. Y.; this was preceded by five

years with the school at Sinclairville, as well as a number of district schools. In 1888, she began her career as an educator in Jamestown, as principal of the Central School, succeeding Mrs. Ella Lakin. For thirty years Miss Geer continued head of Central School, retiring in 1917, after forty years of able, faithful service as an educator. The good which has come to the youth who have come within her sphere of influence as teacher and principal cannot be reputed, but her friends are legion, and she is rich in the love and respect of thousands of former pupils.

Miss Geer continues her residence in Jamestown. She is a member of the County and State Teachers' Association and other societies, a communicant of the Baptist church since 1870, and a teacher in the Sunday school for about the same period, and an interested Christian worker. In 1912, she toured Europe, visiting the different capitols and thoroughly enjoying the opportunities offered to a lady of her culture and refinement to enjoy the art treasures and senic wonders of the countries visited.

**NORMAN R. THOMPSON**—The Thompsons came to the town of Stockton, Chautauqua county, N. Y., at an early date, Abel Thompson erecting the first house in the town. Newell C. Thompson, son of Abel Thompson, and father of Norman R. Thompson, was born in Central New York, in 1811, and was brought to Stockton by his parents in 1813. He married Samantha Bailey, and they were the parents of ten children, two of whom, George M. and Norman R., are now (1920) residing in Jamestown, N. Y. Abel Thompson, upon coming to Stockton in June, 1812, purchased 100 acres of lot 29, and 178 acres of lot 37, his land extending west beyond the creek and north to and including a part of the village of Delanti. His house was square, built of logs, with a split log floor. In the spring of 1813, while the snow was yet deep and covered with a crust, he brought his family, using an ox team for the purpose. He died in 1831.

Newell C. Thompson, aforementioned, was a tailor by trade, a Republican in politics, held several town offices, and died in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal church. The children of Newell C. and Samantha (Bailey) Thompson were: Harriet C., became the wife of W. W. Seeley; Byron W., a veteran of the Civil War, wounded in battle, married Louisa Bissell; Frederick; Almedia; Sarah J., died young; Ella M., became the wife of Samuel Riddle; Mary F., became the wife of Hiram Hart; George M., married Harriet Miller; Eva; and Norman R., of whom further.

Norman R. Thompson, son of Newell C. and Samantha (Bailey) Thompson, was born in the town of Stockton, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Sept. 10, 1837, and since 1883 has been a resident of Jamestown, his present home (1920) No. 50 Allen street. He was educated in the district school and Westfield Academy, and after a short period as a farmer began teaching school, a profession he only abandoned after teaching forty consecutive terms. In March, 1876, he was appointed by J. P. Wickensham, Pennsylvania Superintendent of Public Instruction to fill a vacancy in the office of County Superintendent of Schools for Warren county, and for two years continued in that office under appointment.





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He was then elected by the people for a full term and served until its close with efficiency and fidelity. In 1883 he moved to Jamestown, Chautauqua county, N. Y., and until 1890 was engaged as a bookkeeper. In that year he was appointed treasurer of the city of Jamestown, an office he held continuously for eight years. In 1899 Mr. Thompson was appointed to a position in the office of the adjutant-general at Albany, N. Y., his duty the compiling of Civil War records of New York State men. In that capacity he compiled the officers' records for the work, "New Work in the Civil War." He remained in that position for twelve years, 1899-1911.

When a young man of twenty-three years, on Aug. 21, 1861, Mr. Thompson enlisted at Stockton in the Union Army to serve three years. He was mustered into the United States service on Aug. 30 following, as corporal of Company G, 49th Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry, and went to the front. Colonel Daniel D. Bidwell commanded the regiment, and Captain Jeremiah C. Drake commanded Company G. The 49th was a fighting regiment, and with that command Mr. Thompson saw three years of strenuous military life. He was promoted to the rank of sergeant, Dec. 26, 1861, was wounded in action at the battle of Antietam, Sept. 17, 1862, and at the battle of the Wilderness, May 12, 1864. On July 30, 1864, he was promoted regimental commissary sergeant, and on Oct. 18, 1864, was honorably discharged and mustered out at Buffalo, N. Y. Two monuments mutely testify to the valor of the 49th, one on the battlefield of Gettysburg, erected by the State of New York, another marks the "Bloody Angle," erected by the survivors of the regiment near Spottsylvania Court House, Virginia, erected in 1902 by the then surviving members of the regiment, Norman R. Thompson being a member of the committee in charge of the raising of funds. The monument was dedicated on Oct. 9, 1902. At the ceremonies attending the dedication of the Gettysburg monument, July 2, 1893, Mr. Thompson was one of the speakers. He is an official of the Fortyninth Regimental Association, and in 1920 was one of the thirteen survivors who attended the annual reunion at Kennedy, N. Y.

Mr. Thompson is a member of James M. Brown Post, No. 285, Grand Army of the Republic, and of the Union Veteran Legion. He has recently been elected quartermaster-general of the National Union Veteran Legion for the seventh time. He is also a Master Mason of Mount Moriah Lodge, Jamestown, and a member of other beneficial and fraternal orders. In religious faith he is liberal, and in politics a Republican.

Mr. Thompson married, Aug. 18, 1868, Kate F. Swift, daughter of Gordon and Hannah M. Swift; the former was born in Vermont, and the latter in Worcester, N. Y., but later were residents of Chautauqua county, N. Y., residing in Carroll and Jamestown. The only son of Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, Carl Gordon, born in 1870, died in June, 1900.

This brief record reveals Mr. Thompson as a good soldier and a good citizen. He has never sought preferment or public position, every honor which has been conferred upon him coming unsought. He has won the commendation of his superiors in office and rank, in peace and in war, every duty having been ably and

honorably fulfilled. His long life has been a useful one and he holds the confidence and respect of all who know him.

**CHARLES PETER DAHLSTROM**—Western New York, and particularly Chautauqua county, owes much of its prosperity to the activities of a number of distinguished citizens of Swedish birth or ancestry, members of this nation having settled here in large numbers during a considerable period. Among these distinguished citizens none is better known than the late Charles Peter Dahlstrom, who was for many years identified prominently with the industrial interests of the community, and who as head of the Dahlstrom Metallic Door Company of Jamestown won a position high in the esteem of his fellow-citizens and did much to promote the material advancement of the region.

The Dahlstrom family is of Swedish origin, and Mr. Dahlstrom himself was born on the Island of Gotland in that country, Sept. 4, 1872. He was a son of Lars Peter Dahlstrom, likewise a native of the Island of Gotland, Sweden, and a man of culture and education. For many years he held a high rank in the Swedish military organization, and acted as practical instructor for the army. After his retirement from this position he returned to his native land, to the old Ducker Farm, which has been in possession of the family for over two centuries, where he has since resided. He is a prominent member of the Swedish Lutheran church. At one time the elder Mr. Dahlstrom paid a long visit to his son in the United States, but eventually returned to Sweden. Lars Peter Dahlstrom married Jacobina Strom, and they were the parents of the following children: Olga, who became the wife of Captain Hjelmner Osterman, to whom she bore two children, Ehrich and Sbea; Charles Peter, with whose career we are here especially concerned; Andries Frederick, born in 1875, died in 1907; Ervid, born in 1879, died in 1907; and Laura.

Charles Peter Dahlstrom passed his childhood in his native land, and attended the public schools of Gotland until he had reached the age of twelve years. He then became a student in a school of technology at Stockholm, where he completed his education. After graduation from the latter institution, he served an apprenticeship in the trade of tool and die-making, and immediately afterwards, in the year 1890, came to the United States. He was an exceedingly skillful mechanic and had made a reputation for himself for inventive genius and the skill he had in devising improvements on machinery and the construction of new mechanisms adapted to special uses. When he first came to this country he settled in Buffalo and secured employment there at his trade. After several years spent in that city, three of which were passed as an employee of the Spalding Machine & Screw Company, where he invented a number of devices and took out several patents, he went to Chicago and worked in the same line in that city and in Milwaukee. His old employers, however, valued his services so highly that they persuaded him to return to Buffalo and again enter their service. Mr. Dahlstrom, however, was anxious to find new openings for himself, and after a short period with the old concern, left them a second time and went to Pittsburgh, where he was

given a position with the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company. While thus associated, Mr. Dahlstrom was brought to the attention of George Westinghouse, the remarkable inventor and scientist, and the two men formed a close personal friendship, which continued until the time of the former's death.

It was in the year 1899 that Mr. Dahlstrom first came to Jamestown, N. Y., and in this city he first entered the employ of the Art Metal Construction Company, with which concern he signed a five years' contract. During his employment by this company, Mr. Dahlstrom invented a metallic door, the great possibilities of which he was quick to realize, so that on the expiration of his contract he at once withdrew from his association with the Art Metal Construction Company and organized the Dahlstrom Metallic Door Company, of which he was the head. At first the concern was a small one, with a plant at Jamestown occupying but a single floor of the old Gokey building, but his door met with such instant favor among architects and builders that his business grew by leaps and bounds. The Dahlstrom Metallic Door is especially adapted for use in high buildings and hotels, where its fireproof qualities render it invaluable, since by its use fires may be confined entirely to the room in which they started, thus saving immense loss in life and property. It was not long before Mr. Dahlstrom found it necessary to increase his quarters, and with this end in view he erected a four-story brick plant on Buffalo street, Jamestown. At the time this building was first designed, it appeared adequate to the needs of the company for some years, yet so rapid was the increase of his business that even before its completion extensive additions were planned and begun. The Dahlstrom door has been adopted almost exclusively by construction companies in this country, and an enormous number of them are now disposed of throughout the United States. Its advantages have recommended it beyond the confines of this country, however, and it is now extensively used in Canada and even in Europe. The whole of this great growth occurred under the direct management of Mr. Dahlstrom himself who, up to the time of his death, which occurred April 10, 1909, continued as its active head, and it was his genius both as an inventor and business man which is responsible for the enormous proportions to which the concern has grown.

Mr. Dahlstrom always took a keen interest in the public affairs of Jamestown, and was a Republican in politics, but the tremendous demands upon his time and energy made by the huge development of his business interests rendered it impossible for him to take that part in the general life of the community for which his talents and abilities so admirably fitted him. He was, however, exceedingly public-spirited and always discharged to the full his duties as a citizen as well as supporting liberally every movement undertaken for the public welfare. It has sometimes been held that men possessing unusual inventive genius lack the practical power necessary to market the results of that genius successfully, but certainly this theory has not been justified in many American inventors who have reaped during their lives the fruit of their genius, and especially was it not justified in the career of Mr. Dahlstrom,

whose invention was placed before the public so successfully that almost over night it became a universal public necessity. In addition to his inventive genius and to his practical grasp of affairs, Mr. Dahlstrom had another quality which undoubtedly played a part in shaping his success. He was a man of most genial and warm hearted personality and possessed in an unusual degree the power of making and keeping friends. Nowhere was this ability more conspicuously shown than in his relations with his employees, over whom he exercised a most extraordinary influence. The men who worked in his plant felt him to be their friend and held him in the highest esteem and warmest affection. On the occasion of his death they petitioned to be allowed to refrain from work in order to attend his funeral in a body, and otherwise showed the deep devotion which they had for him. The factory of the Dahlstrom Metallic Door Company was perhaps the most important industrial establishment in Jamestown, and was an important factor in the industrial development of the community. Mr. Dahlstrom was also a prominent figure in the social and fraternal circles of the community, and was affiliated with Mt. Tabor Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Jamestown Lodge, Knights of Pythias. In his religious belief he was a Lutheran and attended the First Lutheran Church of that denomination in Jamestown.

Charles Peter Dahlstrom was united in marriage, Oct. 20, 1900, at Jamestown, with Anna Elfrida Phillips Petersen, like himself a native of Sweden, where she was born at Stockholm, March 10, 1873, a daughter of John Phillips and Matilda (Fagerstrom) Petersen. Mr. Petersen was born in Sweden, May 1, 1839, and died Aug. 27, 1878. He was a stone mason by trade, highly respected in the community where he dwelt, and a prominent member of the Lutheran church there. He married, in 1863, Matilda Fagerstrom, born Dec. 21, 1841, died April 2, 1904. Mrs. Petersen was a woman of many virtues and was a most devoted mother and wife. Mr. and Mrs. Petersen were the parents of the following children: Augusta, who became the wife of John Burkland, of Jamestown, N. Y., to whom she bore two children, Margaret and Vivian; Anton Phillips, who married Augusta Ax, by whom he has had two children, Burdette and Rose; Amanda, who became the wife of Charles Johnson, of Jamestown, and the mother of two children, Norman and Chester; Anna Elfrida Phillips, who became Mrs. Charles P. Dahlstrom, as mentioned above; and Alma, who was a nurse in the Women's Christian Association Hospital of Jamestown; she died April 7, 1919. These children of John Phillips Petersen, after coming to the United States, dropped their family name and are now known by their father's middle name of Phillips. Anna Elfrida Phillips (Petersen) Dahlstrom received her education at the schools of her native city of Stockholm, and after coming to the United States took a special course in English. She is a woman of strong Christian character, and is a prominent figure in the life of Jamestown, where she enjoys the highest esteem and regard. Mr. and Mrs. Dahlstrom became the parents of two children, as follows: Phyllis Matilda Margarete, born July 13, 1901; and Frederick Phillips, born Sept. 7, 1903.





*D. A. Sullivan*



**HERBERT B. VINCENT**—Long passed from mortal view, Herbert B. Vincent lives in the memory of his many friends in Jamestown, where his widow yet resides. He was one of the men who, when clouds of war broke over our land, rallied to the defence of the old flag and maintained a government of free people. He lived long and well, his record and his life unspotted. His parents, Edward F. and Lucinda (Boise) Vincent, resided at Warren, Pa., on a farm, finally moving to Hesperia, Mich., where Mr. Vincent, Sr., continued farming operations until his death.

Herbert B. Vincent was born in Warren, Pa., Jan. 3, 1836, and died in Jamestown, N. Y., Feb. 14, 1905. He was educated in the public schools of the district, and upon arriving at a suitable age learned the harness-maker's trade, worked at it several years, and established a business of his own. Later he sold out and moved to Spottsylvania Court House, Va., where he purchased a farm which he operated for five years. He traded off his Virginia property for a farm in McKean county, Pa., locating there, where he remained for five years. Here he "struck oil." He then traded this farm and oil field for a farm in Chautauqua county. He lived in Jamestown one year, then went to the farm for four years, after which he moved back to Jamestown and retired, residing there until his death.

Mr. Vincent enlisted in Company I, 109th Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry, Dec 2, 1861, serving under Captains A. W. Alvord and S. R. Jones, Colonels B. F. Tracy, and Coxlen, the regiment part of the 1st Brigade, 3rd Division, 6th Army Corps, Army of the Potomac. Until April, 1864, Mr. Vincent was on guard duty, later was engaged at the battles of the Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Ann River, Cold Harbor, Bethesda Church, Petersburg, Weldon railroad, Reams Station, Hatcher's Run, and witnessed the surrender of General Lee, April 9, 1865. On May 31, 1865, he was transferred to Company I, 51st Regiment, New York Infantry, Capt. W. W. Hatch, Col. J. J. Wright, and was mustered out June 3, 1865. He was held at Washington, D. C., and at Alexandria, Va., on special service, finally receiving honorable discharge at Alexandria, July 25, 1865. All his after life Mr. Vincent retained a lively interest in his war comrades and was long a member of McKean Post, No. 347, Grand Army of the Republic of Smethport, Pa. He was also a member of the Masonic order, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is buried in Lakeview Cemetery.

Mr. Vincent married, April 17, 1859, Julia A. Ogden, born June 9, 1839, in Apalachin, Tioga county, N. Y., daughter of Isaac and Julia (Jewett) Ogden, who yet survives her husband, residing in Jamestown, active and well preserved, her friends many and devoted to her. Children: 1. William, born Aug. 23, 1860, died Nov. 24, 1864. 2. Susan E., born Feb. 23, 1863; married, April 2, 1883, at Jamestown, J. A. Yerdon, and has a son, Herbert B. 3. Robertine, born Aug. 16, 1865; married, June 17, 1890, Daniel Bacon, and has three children: Ivan Julia, born Sept. 4, 1892; Ellen, born Oct. 21, 1893, died Oct. 16, 1918; and Margaret, born Jan. 22, 1905. 4. Willard E., born Nov. 13, 1875, now engaged in the drug business in Buffalo, N. Y.; married Clementine Crum, of Indianapolis, Ind. 5. Edith, born Sept.

1, 1877, died Sept. 17, 1877. 6. Earl R., born March 18, 1879; married Grace Waller, and resides in Indianapolis, Ind. He has one daughter Margaret.

**DANIEL A. SULLIVAN**, who was for many years one of the most prominent figures in the lumber interests of Chautauqua county, N. Y., and whose death at his home in Jamestown, May 17, 1904, was felt as a severe loss by the entire community, was a native of County Cork, Ireland, where his birth occurred April 12, 1863, a son of Michael and Susan Sullivan. He was but two years of age when his parents removed with him to England and settled in the town of Olewich, where they made their home for about four years. They had in the meantime, however determined to come to the United States, and in 1869 set sail for this country, and after a long voyage reached the port of New York City. It is probable that their destination had already been determined upon before leaving England, as they did not tarry in the metropolis, but came on at once to the city of Salamanca, N. Y., where they have since made their home.

Daniel A. Sullivan was but six years of age at that time, and his childhood and early youth were spent at Salamanca, where he attended the local public schools and obtained his education. He was still young, however, when he gave up his studies and went to the village of Red House and there secured employment with Daniel Griswold, who was one of the pioneer lumbermen of the region. Mr. Sullivan was sent to work as a woodman in this region, and for a time worked in that capacity for Mr. Griswold. He was exceedingly ambitious, however, to become independent in business, but realized that further education would be a valuable asset to him before embarking on an enterprise of his own. Accordingly, he became a member of Mr. Griswold's household in Jamestown and there attended the high school until he had qualified himself as a teacher. Mr. Sullivan then was appointed to take charge of a school near his old home at Salamanca, and taught in that institution for one year. He was keenly interested in his profession and decided to study further in order to perfect himself in that line. About this time, however, his attention was forcibly called to the great opportunities offered by the lumber business, and by the time he had completed his course of study at the Fredonia Normal School, Fredonia, N. Y., he had practically decided to take up this occupation. For two years he rafted lumber for a Mr. Quinn on the Allegheny river, below Corydon, transporting the rough logs down that stream to the southern market, where he disposed of them for his employer. During this time he made the acquaintance of Mr. Robert Carson, of Randolph, and entered his employ, opening for him a general store at Quaker Bridge. He also looked after the lumber interests of Mr. Carson, and continued thus occupied until the spring of 1893, making his home at Quaker Bridge in the meantime. In that year, however, he severed his connection with his employer and came to Jamestown, N. Y. Here he formed a copartnership with C. A. Breed and D. D. Hazeltine, under the name of the Union Lumber Company, and began operations

here. In the year 1894 Messrs. Breed and Hazeltine retired from the business, leaving Mr. Sullivan the sole proprietor thereof, who continued it under the old name until 1897. He then admitted M. D. Stone into the concern as a partner, who remained with him until 1903, after which Mr. Sullivan became once more the sole proprietor of the company. His business developed to large proportions under his exceedingly capable management, and he was regarded as one of the most substantial citizens of Jamestown, his home there, which was situated at No. 314 West Fifth street, being one of the handsomest in the place. He was very active in the general life of the community, and was especially prominent in Masonic circles, being a member of all the Masonic bodies in the city. He was also affiliated with the Jamestown Club, and was a director of the bank in Jamestown for many years. The Masonic bodies with which Mr. Sullivan was connected were as follows: Mt. Moriah Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Western Sun Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Jamestown Council, Royal and Select Masters; Jamestown Commandery, Knights Templar; Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; Buffalo Consistory, Sovereign Princes of the Royal Secret; and the Jamestown Lodge of Perfection. He was also a member of Jamestown Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Daniel A. Sullivan was united in marriage, May 9, 1888, with Mary Elizabeth Grunder, of Warren, Pa., and they became the parents of two children: Irene S., who resides at the family home at Jamestown, and Paul Revere, who is mentioned at length below. Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan were members of the Presbyterian church, and are buried in Lakeview Cemetery here, the death of the latter occurring Feb. 27, 1919.

Paul Revere Sullivan, only son of Daniel A. and Mary Elizabeth (Grunder) Sullivan, was born at Jamestown, Dec. 4, 1894. He attended as a lad the public schools of this city, and later the Military Academy at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., from which he was graduated with the class of 1914. He then took a commercial course at the Bryant & Stratton's Business College at Buffalo, upon completing which he returned to Jamestown, where he became interested in the automobile business. He continued in this line until the entrance of the United States into the great World War, when he enlisted as a member of the Reserve Force Aviation Service, connected with the United States navy. He served therein until the close of the war, when he was retired with the rank of ensign. Upon receiving his honorable discharge, Mr. Sullivan reentered the automobile business and has already met with considerable success in this line. He is a Presbyterian in his religious belief and attends the church of that denomination in Jamestown.

Paul Revere Sullivan married, May 10, 1919, at Jamestown, Ursula Jones, a daughter of Cyrus E. and Mary (Beebe) Jones, old and highly respected residents of Jamestown.

At the time of the death of Daniel A. Sullivan, there was printed a long obituary article dealing with his life, in the course of which the following appears:

At the time of his death he was at the head of the Union Lumber Company and his business abilities won for him a recognized place among the lumber dealers of the country. Just and honorable in his dealings,

generous and considerate to associates, gentle and kind-hearted in his family relations, his death will be regretted by all who knew him, and his family will have the sympathy of the community in their great bereavement.

**JOHN H. TOUSLEY**—Among the prominent business men and merchants of Jamestown, Chautauqua county, N. Y., the name of John H. Tousley, whose death occurred Aug. 3, 1909, stands high. Mr. Tousley, who had nearly completed his seventy-ninth year at the time of his death, was a native of Madison county, N. Y., his birth occurring in the town of Morrisville, Dec. 28, 1827. The family is of old New England stock, and Mr. Tousley's father, William Tousley, was a native of Connecticut and came to New York State in early manhood. He located at Morrisville, Madison county, where he followed the occupation of farming and was also a successful blacksmith until the close of his life. He married Charlotte Houghton, a daughter of John Houghton, who came from England as a young man and settled in this country before the Revolution. John Houghton was impressed in General Burgoyne's army, but eventually escaped and joined the Colonial troops and supported the American cause to the end of that momentous struggle. William Tousley and his wife were the parents of six children, the youngest of whom was John H., of whom further.

John H. Tousley passed his childhood and early youth in his native town of Morrisville, and as a lad attended the local district schools, but abandoned his studies at an early age in order to learn the trade of carpenter, which he continued to follow until 1855. In that year he opened a bakery and confectionery store at Rushford, N. Y., but in 1864 removed from that town to Jamestown, where he engaged in the wholesale and retail bakery and confectionery business, opening an establishment on East Third street. For a quarter of a century thereafter Mr. Tousley was successfully engaged in that business, and built up one of the largest establishments of its kind in the entire region. He enjoyed an enviable reputation for integrity and fair business methods, and was one of the leading figures in the business world here.

John H. Tousley was united in marriage, Jan. 16, 1855, with Mary Elizabeth Parker, a native of Rushford, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Tousley celebrated their golden wedding, Jan. 16, 1905; the following 6th of December Mr. Tousley died. Mrs. Tousley survived her husband for a number of years, her death occurring Sept. 26, 1917. She was prominent in the social circles of the city, and was a member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Mr. and Mrs. Tousley were the parents of three children, as follows: 1. Charles, who died at La Junta, Colo., and who married Adeline Furlow, by whom he had one child, Doris. 2. John H., a successful merchant in Jamestown, where he married Mayme McGinn, by whom he has three children: John M., Howard J., and Laurence Charles. 3. Ruth C., who is well known as a public school teacher in Jamestown, where she has taught for more than thirty-six years.

**EDWARD E. DUFFEE**—A man of varied experience, having been engaged in a great many widely divergent lines of business, Edward E. Duffee is what might





Mr. & Mrs. D. T. Beckwithson



be truly called a self-made man. From his boyhood up to the present time, his life has had very little playtime in it, for as soon as one occupation came to an end, another was at once adopted to take its place.

Edward E. Duffee, was born in Buckley, Schuylkill county, Pa., April 30, 1853, his parents, Neil Duffee and his wife, Nancy (Schmidt) Duffee, living in the oil field regions at that time, his father being actively engaged in oil production. Neil Duffee is now deceased, as is also his wife.

Edward E. Duffee was given a good common school education, attending both grammar and high schools in Oil City, Pa., until sixteen years old, though he did not graduate from the high school. His first step on the business ladder was as clerk in the general department store of Sheppard, Son & Stone Company, where he continued for seven years. He then became interested in oil and in 1878 started prospecting and operating in that line in Clarion county, Pa., later going to McKean field, continuing in the oil business from 1888 to 1891. In December, 1891, he went to Jamestown and opened a dry goods store in the Broadhead block, No. 16 South Main street, remaining there until 1899, when he moved to the New Arcade. Eighteen months later he moved again to the White block, where he carried on his business until 1906; then Mr. Duffee sold out and moved to Pittsburgh, going into the real estate business. In 1907 he returned to Jamestown, and in the spring of 1908 started to operate the Excelsior Furniture Company, having built the factory for that purpose. After some time spent in this occupation, he sold his interests in the furniture line and bought a half interest in the dry goods business of Charles Samuels; seventeen months later he bought the other half, conducting the business alone. This proved very satisfactory, but a short time after the transfer was effected, the building caught fire and he was burned out. Three months later business was resumed, only to be destroyed by another fire in less than a year. But, like the Phoenix, Mr. Duffee's business arose from the ashes, and on Dec. 15, 1910, he opened his present store, the E. E. Duffee dry goods, cloaks, suits, carpets and drapery business, which has proven to be a most successful concern. Mr. Duffee is a Republican in political faith, and is interested in the work of his party, though he has seldom held any public office. At one time he was a member of the School Board, from 1906 to 1909. He is a Free Mason having passed through all degrees up to the thirty-second, and is a Knights Templar. In religion Mr. Duffee is Presbyterian, he and his family attending that church.

Edward E. Duffee married Ella E. Vossard, in Oil City, Jan 11, 1887. They have four children: 1. Oppo, now the wife of W. G. Eckman. 2. Floss G., who married William Gokey, Jr. 3. Fleda F., living at home. 4. Diego D., also at home. Mrs. Duffee is a very efficient, capable woman, and in addition to the care of her home and family, assists her husband in the store, the business having grown so large as to require constant supervision by one or the other of them. Mr. Duffee is ranked among the successful men of Jamestown.

**JAMES BRACE ANDERSON**—There is no figure better known in the agricultural world of Ellington, Chautauqua county, N. Y., than that of James Brace

Anderson, who has been for many years one of the most prominent farmers of the district and a man who, through his long career, has earned the high esteem and admiration of his associates and the community-at-large. Mr. Anderson is a son of Edwin and Catherine Ann (Crosby) Anderson, the former a farmer at Ellington, and a native of that place, where his birth occurred April 7, 1858. As a lad he attended the high school at Chamberlain, N. Y., and upon completing his studies at that institution took up the occupation of farming which he has followed ever since with a high degree of success. Mr. Anderson is also interested in the financial affairs of Ellington and Jamestown and is affiliated with the Jamestown National Bank. He takes a keen interest in local politics and is a strong supporter of the Republican party, of which he has been a member for many years. He is a member of the local grange and is well known as having done much to promote the farming interests of the community. In his religious belief Mr. Anderson is a Methodist.

James Brace Anderson was united in marriage, June 18, 1884, at Salamanca, N. Y., with Cora Sarah Ewing, a native of that city, where her birth occurred Oct. 27, 1857. Mrs. Anderson is a daughter of Henry and Augusta Loraine (Willis) Ewing. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are the parents of the following children: Archibald, born Feb. 22, 1887, and died July 26, 1896; Sada Loraine, born Aug. 27, 1889; Harriett Louise, born March 19, 1892; Frank K. Henry, born Dec. 24, 1897, enlisted, Dec. 24, 1917, in Company I, 4th Regiment of Infantry, in the regular army of the United States, and served until May 28, 1919, with the American Expeditionary Force in France, a period of fourteen months in all, during which he saw action in three great battles of the war; and Emmons Edwin, born Oct. 30, 1901.

**DELMAR T. FREDRICKSON**, president of the Fredrickson Brothers Veneer Mill, Basket Factory and Saw Mill, was born in Stockton, N. Y., June 6, 1888. He was a son of Alfred D. and Matilda (Anderson) Fredrickson. Alfred D. Fredrickson is a farmer and a strong ally of the Prohibition party. Three sons have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Fredrickson: Delmar T., of further mention; Paul W.; Albin L., whose sketch follows this work.

Delmar T. Fredrickson was educated in the grammar and high schools of his native place. After leaving school he served an apprenticeship to the plumber's trade at Buffalo, N. Y., later going to Kane, Pa., where he was employed in a glass factory for a short period. He then became associated with Charles A. Hall, who owned a large steam power plant for basket making. In 1912, together with Otto S. Bussing, Mr. Fredrickson bought this mill and the business was continued until 1919, when Paul W. Fredrickson and Albin L. Fredrickson, brothers of Delmar T. Fredrickson, bought the Bussing buildings and added them to the already extensive plant, making this one of the largest enterprises of its kind in Chautauqua county. Logs are bought from nearby woodlands and the entire process of the making of the fruit baskets is done at this plant, where 85 men and girls are employed for this purpose. In politics Mr. Fredrickson is a Republican, and is a member of the Stockton School Board. He affiliates with the Inde-

pendent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a member of the First Baptist Church, of Stockton, of which he is also a trustee.

On Sept. 25, 1915, Mr. Fredrickson married Pearl L. Johnson, of Johnsonburg, Pa., and they are the parents of one child, Lillian O.

**ALBIN L. FREDRICKSON**, vice-president of Fredrickson Brothers Veneer Mill, Basket Factory and Saw Mill, is a native of Stockton, N. Y., where his birth occurred Jan. 31, 1800. Mr. Fredrickson is the son of Alfred D. and Matilda (Anderson) Fredrickson.

The education of Albin L. Fredrickson was obtained in the schools of his native place, and after graduating from the Stockton High School he secured a position in the basket factory of Charles Hall, but remained there for a short time only, going thence to Jamestown, N. Y., where he served an apprenticeship as a metal cabinet-maker in the Art Metal Construction Company. He next established himself in the business of basket making and was thus engaged until July 19, 1918, when he enlisted in the United States Army. After being at Camp Dix for a month he sailed for France with Company H, 346th Infantry. After eight months of service he returned to the United States and received his honorable discharge at Camp Upton, April 11, 1919. Upon his return to Stockton he became associated with his brothers, Delmar T., and Paul W., in Fredrickson Brothers Basket Factory and was made vice-president of the organization. Albin L. Fredrickson is a man of good judgment and business foresight, and he has done much towards making this enterprise one of the largest of its kind in this region. Although possessed of wide popularity and the respect and esteem of his fellow-citizens, Mr. Fredrickson has not taken any prominent part in local affairs nor has he entered politics. He affiliates with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and with Lodge No. 851, Free and Accepted Masons.

On Nov. 15, 1919, Mr. Fredrickson was united in marriage with Ellen Unsworth, of Jamestown, N. Y.

**REV. JOHN EMMANUEL HILLBERG**—Since November, 1852, the date of its organization, the First Swedish Methodist Church of Jamestown, N. Y., has had twenty settled pastors, the first, Rev. Olof Hamrin, serving the church from June, 1853, until July, 1854, the rule of the itinerancy then limiting a pastor's term to one year. The twentieth pastor of the church preached his first sermon to the congregation in October, 1917, succeeding Rev. Eric Philip Swan, who was pastor from 1912 to 1917. The founder of the church, Pastor O. G. Hedstrom, watched over the little congregation until the arrival of its first stationed pastor, Rev. Olof Hamrin. A history of the church published in the Swedish language in 1912, commemorating its sixtieth birthday, gives photographs of its first nineteen pastors, and of the first six all are dead except the fourth, Rev. Bengt August Carlsson, who served the church from October 1866, until 1869. He is now living in Stockholm, Sweden, and is in his eighty-seventh year. The present pastor, Rev. John E. Hillberg, is a graduate of the Southern Academy in Stockholm, Sweden, and of Evanston Theological Seminary, Evanston, Ill., his pastoral work beginning in New York in 1895, was

broken by a term of five years as professor, and one of six years as editor-in-chief of a religious journal "Sandebudet" (The Messenger). Since his return to the ministry in 1917, he has served the First Swedish Methodist Episcopal Church of Jamestown with great acceptability.

The first church building erected by the First Church was begun in 1857, on Centre street, and was dedicated to the service of God, Jan. 1, 1860. A Sunday school was organized in 1872, and in 1898 that church building was removed to Chandler street, rebuilt, and on Sept. 15 of that year was re-dedicated. In 1890 the present beautiful structure was finished and dedicated, and in 1894 the present parsonage, the third in order, was erected. In 1919 a "Memorial Hall" was added to the property as a meeting place for the returning soldiers. It is a beautiful room. Seventy-eight men had stars on the service flag of the church. Three stars turned golden. The church is finely furnished, and in all respects a worthy home for the large congregation it accommodates, the present membership being 700.

Rev. John E. Hillberg, twentieth pastor of the First Swedish Methodist Episcopal Church of Jamestown, "Forsta Svencka Metodist Forsamlingen," was born in Malmkoping, Sweden, Dec. 9, 1873, son of Rev. John and Emma Ulrika Oscaria (Molin) Hillberg, his father a clergyman. John E. Hillberg attended the public schools of Gothenburg and Stockholm, Sweden, and is a graduate of Southern Latin Academy, in Stockholm. He then spent two years at the Institute of Technology in Stockholm, and three years with an engineering firm in the same city, coming to the United States in 1892. After coming to this country he studied for the ministry, and in 1895 was graduated from the Theological Seminary, Evanston, Ill. He was ordained a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church in 1896, became a member of The New York East Conference, and began pastoral work in New York State in 1895. His first charge was at Mt. Vernon, N. Y., and between 1895 and 1906 he was pastor in charge of Mt. Vernon, Bridgeport, Conn., and Brooklyn, N. Y., at that time the largest Swedish church in the denomination.

In 1906 he accepted a professorship in Swedish Theological Seminary, Evanston, Ill., and until 1911 filled the chairs of history and languages at that institution. He then resigned to accept a position as editor-in-chief of the Swedish religious paper, "Sandebudet" (The Messenger), a post he ably filled until 1917, when he returned to the active ministry and was appointed to the pastorate of the First Swedish Methodist Episcopal Church of Jamestown. The church has progressed under his leadership, and each department is faithfully prosecuting its especial line of work.

Rev. John E. Hillberg married, in Worcester, Mass., June 7, 1897, Hannah Christine Lundgren, daughter of John and Edla Christine Lundgren. They have an adopted daughter, Emma Louise, born in Sweden, Nov. 30, 1911. During the summer of 1920, Rev. Hillberg visited Sweden in the capacity of speaker for the Choral Club of Chicago, then touring abroad. King Gustav then conferred upon him the Knighthood of the Order of Vasa. During the war he also paid a visit to said country at the invitation of the government of Sweden. He served our country in the World War as speaker on the Bureau of Public Information.



Mr and Mrs A. L. Fredrickson









*St. Ralph Willse, M.L.*

**AXEL E. ANDERSON**—As Jamestown is a center for manufacturing, it follows naturally that shoe stores in plenty may be found there. Among them is the shoe emporium of Axel E. Anderson, at No. 108 Main street. For more than twenty years Mr. Anderson has endeavored to keep the feet of the Jamestown people comfortable and trimly fitted with foot-covering, and that he has met with considerable success may be taken as a fact as he was compelled to move from the original place of business to a more commodious location a few years ago.

Mr. Anderson is a Swede by birth, but as he has lived in this country ever since his infancy his interests are all American. Born Feb. 1, 1871, in Sweden, the child met with a serious misfortune when only two weeks old, his father dying at that time. His mother came to the United States with her baby, and having married for the second time, the boy became known by the name of his step-father, Anderson. His early education was obtained at the village school of Ellery, N. Y., taking a course afterwards at the business college at Jamestown. During the time he attended school young Anderson worked at whatever his hands found to do, having a morning paper route, delivering goods, etc.

When nineteen years of age the young man obtained regular employment in the shipping department of the Jamestown Lounge Company, remaining with them five years, and in 1894 went with the Jamestown Desk Company, also as shipping clerk. A year later he accepted a position with the Chautauqua Steamboat Company, but after two years with that company he entered the shoe store of J. F. Peterson as salesman. For four years he continued in Mr. Peterson's employ and then, having learned the business, Mr. Anderson started a shoe store of his own at No. 305 Main street. For three years he conducted this alone, then the business having grown rapidly, he felt the need of assistance, so in 1901 formed a partnership with Charles Sandburg. This was a most satisfactory arrangement, continuing for several years, but the trouble on the Mexican border requiring the services of the National Guard, necessitated the departure of Mr. Sandburg for the scene of action, he being a member of the guard. Mr. Anderson bought out his partner's share in the business and continued it alone. Later Mr. Sandburg volunteered in the United States army for the term of the World War, his rank being that of major. Mr. Anderson was at that time occupying his present quarters at No. 108 Main street, having moved there after Mr. Sandburg entered the firm in 1901. He has the agency for the Stetson shoe, also the Justright shoe.

Mr. Anderson's political principles are those of the Republican party, though he does not trouble himself greatly with the trials and worries of politics. In religious belief he is a Baptist, being clerk of the First Baptist Church of Jamestown. He is affiliated with the local lodge of the Order of Maccabees.

Axel E. Anderson married, in Jamestown, Dec. 29, 1892, Edith May Kingman, of that city, the daughter of J. Frank Kingman. To Mr. and Mrs. Anderson two children were born: 1. Grace Margaret, who was educated in the public schools of Jamestown, later taking a course in elocution at the University of Syracuse. At the present time she assists her father in the shoe store. 2. Wilton H., also educated in the public schools

of Jamestown and afterward went to the University of Illinois, serving in the Student's Training Corps there. The young man's ambition is to enter Colgate University at Hamilton, N. Y.

As a citizen Mr. Anderson is highly respected; as a business man he has the confidence of his customers, and he is a devoted husband and father.

**H. RALPH WILLSE, M. D.**, graduate in medicine of the Buffalo University, and for the last eighteen years a well regarded and successful medical practitioner in Westfield, Chautauqua county, N. Y., and widely known throughout that section of the county, was born at South Columbia, Herkimer county, N. Y., Nov. 30, 1875, the son of Dr. Hudson G. and Frances (Vrooman) Willse. His father, Dr. Hudson G. Willse, is one of the oldest practicing physicians in Western New York, and is still in active practice at North Bay, N. Y., notwithstanding that he is now more than seventy years old. Dr. Hudson G. Willse is also a graduate in medicine of Buffalo University, and it is noteworthy that his entry into medicine came by his own resolute determination, for he had to work his way through Buffalo University, graduating in 1883.

His son, H. Ralph Willse, in due course attended for primary instruction the public schools of his native place, and later became a student at the New Berlin, N. Y., High School, graduating therefrom in 1893. To prepare himself further for academic credits when he ultimately took up the study of medicine, he took post-graduate high school work for a while at Richfield Springs, N. Y., but in 1896 he entered Buffalo University as a medical student, and like his father also worked his way through without outside assistance, and in 1900 was creditably placed among the graduates in medicine of that year, receiving in due course the degree of Doctor of Medicine. For one year prior to graduation he was connected with a hospital, observing much clinical work, and for one year after gaining his degree he was resident physician of the Emergency Hospital, of Buffalo. He was thus well fitted by actual experience in extensive and varied practice to enter confidently into private practice, and as a general medical practitioner he opened an office in Westfield, Chautauqua county, N. Y., in 1901. Since that year he has been in constant practice in that neighborhood, and now has a very extensive practice. Dr. Willse is a member of many professional organizations, of County, State, and National operation; his college fraternity is the Alpha Omega Delta; and he is a member of the Dunkirk branch of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and of the Westfield encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Politically, Dr. Willse is a Republican, but he gives his time and thought to professional matters and not to political.

His wife, whom he married in Westfield, N. Y., April 21, 1903, was Lillian Day, daughter of Professor Day, a well known educator in Canada, and founder of a noted school, the Day Institute, in Toronto, Canada. Dr. and Mrs. Willse have three children: Hudson Day, born Jan. 26, 1904; Allen Ray, born Jan. 6, 1905; Lillian Edith, born April 7, 1908. The family attend the Presbyterian church at Westfield, and Dr. and Mrs. Willse take appreciable part in community affairs.

**ARCHIBALD D. FALCONER**—The family and village of Falconer have been closely associated for many years, the village being named in honor of the family which was founded in Chautauqua county, N. Y., by Robert Falconer, a Scotch gentleman of means, who arrived in Jamestown in 1817. He is remembered in the Lake Chautauqua region by the steamer, "Robert Falconer," which was one of the earliest steamboats to be launched on the lake, and he was the man responsible for the coming of the first Swedes to Jamestown. His kind heart led him to adopt two little Swedish girls whom he found with their parents in Buffalo, and after they were safely sheltered in his home in Sugar Grove, Pa., he brought their parents there and found them employment. This family attracted others and from the little Sugar Grove settlement came the two women who were the first actual Swedish settlers of Jamestown. Archibald D. Falconer, a twentieth century representative of the family, is a grandson of Robert Falconer, and a son of William Falconer, whose business life was spent in Kennedy in the town of Poland, Chautauqua county, N. Y.

Robert Falconer was born at Inveraven, Scotland, Dec. 22, 1780, and died at Sugar Grove, Pa., Oct. 25, 1852, scion of an ancient and honorable Scottish clan. He spent years of his minority in Scotland, and in the year 1800 he was graduated from Aberdeen University, his object being to pursue a professional career in his native land. Having wealth at his disposal, he decided to visit the United States, and he is first found located in New York City, where he traded in cotton, shipping to Liverpool and Glasgow raw cotton, his shipments being filled from Charleston, S. C., and New York City. The War of 1812 seriously interfered with his shipments, and after his marriage he retired from the cotton business and came to Western New York, arriving in Jamestown in 1817. Shortly afterward he took up a large tract of land at Sugar Grove, Pa., but in 1819 he came again to Jamestown and settled on the property purchased two years earlier. Jamestown was his home for ten years, and during that period he became identified with several enterprises, notably lake navigation, and one of the earlier steamboats bore his name.

In 1829, Robert Falconer moved to Warren, Pa., where he engaged in banking, becoming the first president of the Lumbermen's Bank of Warren. He remained in Warren until 1840, then went to Sugar Grove, where the last ten years of his life were spent. He was a man of kindly heart, strong, upright character, and one of the valued citizens of his day. He married, in 1812, Eliza Elliot, who died in 1819, leaving three sons, Robert, Patrick, and William T. Robert, the eldest, located in Sugar Grove, Pa., where he became a prominent lumberman. Patrick, the second, became a lawyer and was a member of the law firm of Hazeltine & Falconer. In 1843, his father needing his assistance in the management of his business enterprise, Patrick Falconer abandoned law practice, and until his death in Falconer, Feb. 17, 1887, he was identified with the business interests of the village and of Jamestown.

William T. Falconer the youngest son of Robert and Eliza (Elliot) Falconer, was born in Sugar Grove, Pa., April 1, 1825, and died at Kennedy, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Jan. 16, 1880, aged sixty-three. He was left

motherless when but two years of age, and was yet a minor when his father died. He was, however, named as an executor of the will, special legislation being required to enable him to act. He was well educated, and although not keen to be known as a money maker conducted a large business in Kennedy, having grist mills, lumber mills and a general store. He was a large land owner, having over 1000 acres in the town of Poland, where he located about 1850. He was free-handed and generous, his kindness of heart leading him into business indiscretions, and he lost a large amount of money through endorsing paper for friends and acquaintances. He was the donor of sites upon which to build the three churches of Kennedy, but was not a member. In politics he was a Republican, and represented the town of Poland in the Chautauqua County Board of Supervisors during the years 1859-60-61-62-63.

Mr. Falconer married Helen J. Dailey at Waterville, N. Y., June 19, 1831, and she died at Jamestown, N. Y., Oct. 31, 1904; she was a member of the Baptist church. Mr. and Mrs. Falconer were the parents of two sons: Archibald D., of whom further; and Frank M., born Sept. 10, 1872, died Jan. 12, 1901.

Archibald D. Falconer, son of William T. and Helen J. (Dailey) Falconer, was born in Kennedy, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Oct. 12, 1869. After graduation from Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, Mich., he began the study of law in the offices of Cook, Fisher & Wade, of the Chautauqua county bar, and was later admitted to practice. He opened offices in Jamestown, where he remained until 1918, when he moved to his present offices in the First National Bank building, Falconer. He is a Republican in politics, a member of the Masonic order, and interested in various other activities, business and social.

Mr. Falconer married, Oct. 20, 1896, Abbie Lillian Brown, a fellow student at Hillsdale College. They are the parents of three children: Robert, Frank and Catherine. The family home is at No. 32, Prospect street, Jamestown.

**EDWIN FORREST SAMPLE**—As a contractor and builder, Edwin F. Sample is well known in the towns of Ellery and Jamestown, his life from boyhood having been associated with the building business, following in the footsteps of his honored father under whom he learned the carpenter's trade. In social life and fraternity affairs Mr. Sample takes an active part and lends his influence to all movements that tend to uplift and advance the standard of right living. Edwin F. Sample is a son of Hugh and Dorothy (Keil) Sample, who were residents of Warren, Pa., that State being the birthplace of their son.

Hugh and Dorothy Sample came from Pennsylvania to Chautauqua county, N. Y., in 1874, when Edwin F. was but a young boy. They resided at several places in the town of Ellery and in 1884 located on a farm in the town of Ellery, near the village of Ellery Center, and there established the family home. Hugh Sample was a carpenter by trade, and in addition to the cultivation of his farm did a good deal of building in his section. Hugh Sample was a member of Company E, Fifth United States Light Artillery, and was in many engagements during the Civil War, being cited for his





*E. F. Sample*







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brave conduct. The children of Hugh and Dorothy (Keil) Sample were as follows: Lydia A.; Edwin F., mentioned below; Elizabeth L., Lona D., and Frank T. The two oldest were born in Pennsylvania, and the remainder were born in the town of Ellery.

Edwin F. Sample was born in Newmarket, Clarion county, Pa., Jan. 11, 1872. When very young his parents moved to Chautauqua county and here Edwin F. attended the district schools and acquired a good education. In youth he was taught his father's trade and became a skilled carpenter, later adding to his activities the business of contractor. His reputation as a reliable builder is well established, and along the shores of Lake Chautauqua there are many houses that stand as monuments to his skill and integrity. He has executed contracts in different towns of the county and in the city of Jamestown, and he also built school house No. 13 in the town of Ellery. In connection with his building he specializes in the asbestos "Century Shingle," which is fast attaining popularity as a roofing material. Mr. Sample was the first to introduce this shingle in this county and has since sold many carloads of them.

Mr. Sample's home on the lake road in the town of Ellery is surrounded by fruit orchards and gardens, making him quite eligible to the Patrons of Husbandry. He is also a member of Jamestown Lodge, No. 105, Loyal Order of Moose, of which he is a charter member; Chautauqua County Historical Society; the Saturday Night Club; the Protective Home Circle; and was vice-president of the Fluvanna Free Library Association, and now secretary, an institution which has added greatly to the enjoyment and education of the younger generation as well as benefiting their elders. In politics Mr. Sample is a Republican, and in religious affiliation a member of the Methodist Brotherhood.

Mr. Sample married, at Bemus Point, N. Y., July 2, 1902, Edith May Griffith, who died Nov. 27, 1910, the only child of Guy S. and Carrie (Messenger) Griffith, old and highly respected residents of Ellery. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Sample in Ellery: Hazel A., born Jan. 8, 1904; and Merton R., born Sept. 8, 1906. Both are graduates of the Fluvanna public school and now (1920) are students of Jamestown High school.

**THE FLINT FAMILY**—One of the founder-families of Portland, Chautauqua county, is that represented in this generation by the brothers who own and reap in splendid production the bulk of the tract of wild land first owned by their grandfather, Abial Flint, in 1817. The farm, as it is today, is one of the best maintained acreages in the district, and presents altogether different appearance to what it did when the pioneer ancestor first set about the stupendous task of winning it from the wilderness. Its present condition represents the grit, the steadfastness, the resolute persistence in the pioneer work, despite hardships and discouragements, of three generations of the Flint family, and the place of respect the family holds in the community to-day is the result of useful lives well lived. Abial Flint, the pioneer ancestor of the Chautauqua county, N. Y., branch of the Flint family, was born at East Windsor, Conn., Sept. 5, 1768, the son of Arkalis and Betsey (Elmer) Flint. He appears to have come

into New York State in early manhood, for it was in Rome, Oneida county, N. Y., that he married, Sept. 26, 1802, Mary Brown, who was born in Coventry, Conn., Nov. 30, 1780. About the year 1812 Abial Flint brought his wife and family of three children into Chautauqua county and settled at Priestville. About 1817 he bought a tract of fifty acres of wild land in Portland and moved his family to that land. He was by trade a tanner and currier, and also a shoemaker, but the desire to own his own home and sufficient land for the sustenance of his family proved irresistible, and he entered upon the great task of clearing the wilderness from his land with resolute purpose and cheerful spirit. His wife ably and courageously assisted him, withstanding all the rigors that came to them, both of them buoyed up by the prospect of having eventually a home wrought by their own hands from the wilderness. That was the inspiration that softened all their labors, that gave them renewed courage when all seemed dark, and when it appeared that it would be barely possible that they could live to the time when their tract would be sufficiently cleared to afford them more than a sparse living. They experienced most of the trials and hardships which have been the lot of most pioneers, and they manifested the same resolute spirit that has been shown by so many of the great pioneers of this country. And notwithstanding everything they prospered, and raised a family of eight children in the original log house Abial Flint built. For twenty-one years the family lived in a log house, as it was not until 1833 that Abial Flint built a frame house, their youngest child at that time being ten years old. Mrs. Flint died fifteen years later, on May 5, 1849, at the age of sixty-eight years, but her husband lived to reach the venerable age of ninety-one years, his death not coming until Jan. 15, 1860. Both were buried in Evergreen Cemetery, and were honored as pioneers of the district, and as good people. They were Methodists, of earnest spirit, and took part in the formation of the first church, both being members of the first class formed in Portland. Politically Abial Flint was a Whig and in general was a man of strong, upright character. He lived on his Chautauqua county farm for forty-three years, and had the satisfaction of seeing it mostly cleared and in cultivation before his death. To those of this generation who consider farming an arduous occupation it must seem almost inconceivable that men should voluntarily take upon themselves the life time task of excessively hard labor that the clearing of a large acreage of wilderness must represent; but it was by much valiant effort that practically the whole of the present rich territories that comprise the United States were won for civilization; and much of the stalwart and rugged characteristics of the pioneer ancestors has descended to, and is evident in the succeeding generations of the old American families. The descendants of Abial Flint, of Portland, have been many but, in general, those descendants have done well in life, the immediate family of Abial and Mary (Brown) Flint reflecting in their lives the wholesome ruggedness of their early life in the log house. The eight children of Abial and Mary (Brown) Flint were: 1. Daniel E., born Aug. 22, 1805, and eventually married Eliza Goddard; he settled in Shipman, Ill., in 1863. 2. Mary B., born April 23, 1807, and married John Wilbur,

in Portland, Chautauqua county, subsequently going with her husband to Elgin, Ill., where he took a farming property. 3. Jonathan T., born Nov. 30, 1809; married Harriet Shumway, in Genesee county, N. Y., and settled in Buffalo, N. Y., in 1840. 4. Abial, Jr., born May 25, 1813; married Jane Cook, in Portland, Chautauqua county, and settled in Missouri, in 1857. 5. Henry, of whom further. 6. Harriet, born Oct. 6, 1816, and now lives in Hanover, N. Y., having married James Wilson, of that place. 7. John W., born Aug. 26, 1819; married Lovina McGaffan, of Youngstown, N. Y., and eventually settled in Brant, Erie county. 8. Caroline, born Dec. 3, 1823; married Ephraim Ballard, of Westfield, and settled in Silver Creek, Chautauqua county.

Henry Flint, fifth child of Abial and Mary (Brown) Flint, and father of the brothers, Virgil Henry and Byron Herbert Flint, who now own the ancestral property, was born Jan. 18, 1815. He received such education as was possible in that sparsely populated section in the days of his boyhood, and after leaving school gave his whole time to his father, to assist him in the cultivation of the land already cleared, and in the clearing of the remainder. Eventually he married Nancy A. Hall, of another pioneer family of Portland, and they lived the whole of their married life upon the Flint homestead, which eventually passed into his possession. When public improvements and the development of the town made it necessary to run a street through part of the Flint property, Henry Flint sold an acre, so that he would not have divided land, and subsequently purchased twenty-five acres of adjoining land from Charles Van Gasbeck. To Henry and Nancy A. (Hall) Flint were born thirteen children, a worthy family and characteristic of the earnestness of their lives. The children, in order of birth, were: 1. Helen. 2. Effie, who eventually entered the teaching profession. 3. Mary, who married Mark Haight, of Portland. 4. Abial. 5. Carlos Hall, who now lives in Fredonia. 6. Burnell, now deceased, who went to South Dakota, and there married Elsie Clark. 7. Julia. 8. Cora. 9. Virgil Henry, of whom further. 10. Elmer, now deceased. 11. Hattie, who is a bookkeeper in New York City. 12. Byron Herbert, of whom further. 13. Kate Irene.

Virgil Henry and Byron Herbert Flint, ninth and twelfth born children of Henry and Nancy A. (Hall) Flint, have worthily continued in good cultivation the ancestral home of the Flint family. The farm is one of the best kept in the district, and well adapted to the purpose, general and dairy farming, and grape growing, to which it is put by the brothers. They are proving themselves to be enterprising, progressive and up-to-date farmers, have some good, pure-bred Holstein cattle, and have about fourteen acres of grape vineyard, which gives them good returns. The brothers are unmarried, are industrious, and have executed many improvements upon the property. The house, barn, and other buildings are modern, and were all built by them. They interest themselves actively in public movements in their community, and have very many friends, being generally well regarded. They have reason to be satisfied with their personal records, and with the place the Flint family has in the founding and development of that section of the county.

**THE UNION FURNITURE COMPANY**, which today and for many years has been an industrial enterprise of consequence to the city of Jamestown, N. Y. had its inception in 1903 in the enterprise of four members of the Nord-Norquist family of that city. Edward C. Nord, August F. Nord, Alfred A. Nord, and F. C. Norquist, all substantial business men of experience in wood working, and the manufacture of furniture formed partnership to enter into the manufacture of high-grade dining room suites. They erected a factory building, four stories in height, 250 feet long and 60 feet wide, at No. 234 Crescent street, Jamestown, and equipped it with such modern machinery as they deemed necessary and commenced to produce the line of furniture proposed.

Satisfactory development came, and in 1904 the organizers sought corporate powers, eventually being empowered to trade under its original name of the Union Furniture Company, by which name the enterprise has since been known. As the company developed markets the original plant became inadequate for their operations, and recently it was decided to erect a five-story brick structure, which is now completed and has floor space of 100,000 square feet in addition to the 65,000 square feet in its old building adjoining. The old as well as the new building is equipped with individual electric motors and most modern machinery. The results of these new installations will be for purposes of economy and safety. The motive power of the old and new plant is electric, which is developed on the company's grounds.

The success which has come to the Union Furniture Company, at which steady employment is provided for about 300 people, reflects credit upon the executives who have directed its affairs since its original establishment. The present officials and stockholders are: August F. Nord, president; Alfred A. Nord, vice-president; and Edward C. Nord, treasurer and secretary. The company is represented on the Jamestown Chamber of Commerce, the Manufacturers' Association of Jamestown, and the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association of New York State. The product of this company has remained the same, high grade dining room suites, and its market is in all parts of this country and the firm enjoys a well earned reputation in the furniture world.

**AUGUST F. NORD**, well known business manufacturer, and president of the Union Furniture Company, was born in Smoland, Sweden, July 2, 1868. His father was a farmer, and the boy grew up on the farm assisting in the work at home. He attended the common schools of the village and received a good elementary education.

When he was twenty years old he determined to come to the United States, having a brother, John Nord in this country who had done well in a business way. The young man went directly to Jamestown, N. Y., after landing, his brother being employed there in the carving room of the A. C. Norquist Company. August F. Nord entered the employ of the Norquist Company in the finishing room, and continued with them for eleven years, then became associated with the Nord Furniture





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Company on Second street, of which he was a stockholder, remaining there for three years, taking an active part in the business. He then sold out his interest in the firm to his brother, John Nord, in order to start with his other brothers, Edward and Alfred, the Union Furniture Company. In the beginning of the concern Mr. Nord was made vice-president, but was later elected president of the company. Besides his official position, his share of the work of the corporation is to superintend the output of the factory.

Mr. Nord is a member of the Norden Club and of the Swedish Methodist Episcopal church, in which he is greatly interested, being a steward of that church body. He is a stockholder in the American National Bank, and a member of the Republican party. Of a quiet and reserved temperament, Mr. Nord has not become interested in the public life of Jamestown, though he is well known among the Swedish residents of the city, having many friends in their midst.

August F. Nord married Anna E. Sandburg, in 1894, in Jamestown, and they have the following children: 1. Aildor, born Nov. 15, 1898; educated in Jamestown public and high schools, and University of Pennsylvania. 2. Elsie, born Nov. 8, 1901; educated in Jamestown public and high schools, now a student of Wellesley College for women. 3. Gladys, born July 10, 1905; educated in Jamestown public and high schools, now preparing for college. 4. Frances, born Feb. 9, 1912; now attending Jamestown grade schools.

**EDWARD C. NORD**, who has been a resident in the city of Jamestown, N. Y., for twenty-nine years, a young man without much means and little education at the time of his coming to this country, but by dint of perseverance, study, industry, and natural ability as a man of business, he steadily advanced in prosperity until today he is among the leading citizens here. He is one of the organizers of the Union Furniture Company, of which he has been secretary, treasurer and general manager since its organization.

Edward C. Nord was born in Sweden, May 9, 1871, the son of Andrew M. Nord. He was given the public school education customarily afforded to a boy of his station, and assisted his father on the home farm. In 1891 the family came to America, and settled in Jamestown, where some of their relatives were. The Norquists of Jamestown, so well known in the city, and so successful in business during the last few decades, belong to the Nord family, of Sweden, the name "Nord" being the derivative, the termination "quist" simply meaning "branch of."

For three years after coming to Jamestown, Edward C. Nord found employment in the furniture factory of the A. C. Norquist Company. Then he helped to organize, and became a stockholder in the Nord Furniture Company, which opened a store on East Second street, Jamestown, for the retailing of furniture and allied lines. Edward C. Nord with his brother, John Nord, conducted the store for eight years, and in 1903 he sold his interests to his brother and in conjunction with August F. Nord, Alfred A. Nord, and Frank O. Norquist, formed partnership to establish a firm for the manufacture of dining room furniture, thus was the organization of the Union Furniture Company of James-

town. The history of the Union Furniture Company as shown in a preceding narrative indicates the active interest Edward C. Nord has taken in this company. He has given most of his time to the affairs of his company, and has taken interest in other movements wherever time would permit, especially in the civic welfare of Jamestown. He is a member of the Jamestown Board of Commerce and the Norden Club.

Mr. Nord is identified with the following organizations as director: The American National Bank, of which he was one of the organizers; Jamestown Marble Iron Company; Jamestown Mutual Insurance Company; and he was on the board of the Vinculo Sugar and Realty Corporation of Cuba, which had large holdings on the island. He is a member of the Republican party in which he is a firm believer. He has been a consistent member of the Swedish Methodist Episcopal church, Jamestown, since he came here, and has been one of its trustees, for many years.

Mr. Nord married, in Jamestown, 1896, Rose H. Ogren, of this city. They have three children: 1. Carol E., born Jan. 16, 1899; educated in the Jamestown public and high schools, now studying at the University of Pennsylvania. 2. Olive H., born Sept. 10, 1902; educated in the Jamestown public and high schools, now preparing for college. 3. Helen E., born May 21, 1909; now attending school in Jamestown.

**ALFRED A. NORD**, well known in the furniture industry at Jamestown, and vice-president of the Union Furniture Company, a busy corporation formed by the Nord brothers, was born in Smoland, Sweden, Feb. 18, 1875. The family lived on a farm and this son, like the others, was brought up to assist in the farm work, and here he attended the village school. When Alfred A. Nord was sixteen years old he came to America, in company with his father, mother, and others of the family. The boy went at once to Jamestown, where he had brothers, and obtained employment with the Newman Bed Spring Company; later he became employed in the A. C. Norquist Company, in 1892, in the machine department. Here he remained for a time and learned the wood carving trade. He subsequently followed the wood carving trade with the Atlas Furniture Company, Empire Case Goods Company, and Jamestown Mantle Company, and then returned to the A. C. Norquist Company. In 1902, he with his brothers, August F. and Edward C., founded the Union Furniture Company, a sketch of which appears herewith. It is much to Mr. Nord's credit that while he worked at his trade he studied evenings at the Young Men's Christian Association night school where he acquired considerable learning. Alfred A. Nord was made vice-president and has continued as such almost since the organization of the company. His special part in addition to his official duties is to oversee the output of the cabinet department. Mr. Nord is a member of the Swedish Methodist Episcopal church of Jamestown, also a member of the official church board. He is a staunch Republican in politics.

Mr. Nord married, in Jamestown, March 1, 1905, Esther Ogren, of that city. Of this union were born four children: 1. Wesley Alfred, born April 2, 1907; educated in the Jamestown public schools, now preparing for high school. 2. Jeanette Ester, born Sept. 12,



1908; now attending public school. 3. Kermit John, born Jan. 26, 1913; now attending public school. 4. Charles Lowell, born Feb. 4, 1916.

**NATHAN E. BEARDSLEY, M. D.**—Any history of the medical profession of Chautauqua county would be incomplete without the name of Dr. Nathan E. Beardsley, who for nearly thirty years has been engaged in the active practice of his profession at Dunkirk, N. Y. Dr. Beardsley is prominently identified with the life of his community, being respected and valued as a conscientious, public-spirited citizen, no less than an able and devoted physician.

Nathan E. Beardsley was born March 23, 1867, in Chautauqua county, N. Y., the son of the late Noah and Esther M. (Randall) Beardsley. His primary education was received in the public schools of South Dayton, N. Y., and Gowanda High School, which latter school he left at the end of his second year, to commence the study of medicine with his uncle, C. C. Johnson, a practicing physician at Gowanda, N. Y. After a year and a half spent pursuing a course of medical reading under the guidance of his uncle, he entered the medical department of Buffalo University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1890. After serving his internship of one year at the Buffalo General Hospital, he entered upon the practice of his profession in May, 1891, and has ever since, with occasional intervals of absences, made his home in Dunkirk, and there achieved his great professional successes. He has done post-graduate work in the medical universities of New York City, Bonn and Frankfurt, Germany, and has also attended the Heidelberg University. He belongs to the American Medical Association, the New York State Medical Association, the Chautauqua Medical Society, and the Dunkirk-Fredonia Medical Society. He is on the medical staff of the Brooks Memorial Hospital, and is medical officer at St. Mary's Orphan Asylum. In everything relative to the welfare of his home city, Dr. Beardsley takes a keen and active interest, and is an interested member of the Chamber of Commerce. He is a Mason, affiliating with the blue lodge, chapter, and commandery. He attends the Baptist church at Dunkirk.

Dr. Beardsley married, April 12, 1892, Rose Coxe, of Wyoming county, N. Y., and they were the parents of a child, Ruth Esther, a school teacher of Redlands, Cal. Mrs. Beardsley passed away May 5, 1910.

Strength of character, tenacity of purpose, breadth of mind, and liberality of sentiment, these are the qualities that have been strikingly manifested throughout Dr. Beardsley's career. With a thorough knowledge of human nature, tolerance of its weakness, and appreciation of all that it has of good; ardent and loyal in his attachments, he numbers his friends by the legion both in and out of his profession.

**OTTO E. WALTER**—A native son of Dunkirk, Mr. Walter had there passed the years of his useful life, which began June 22, 1868, but closed with his accidental death, June 13, 1914. Otto E. Walter was of German parentage, his father dying soon after coming

to Dunkirk, leaving his widow, Ernestine, with a family to care for.

Otto E. Walter was but three years of age when his father died, but his mother gave him all the advantages of the public schools, which he attended until he was fourteen. He then became an apprentice in the boiler department of the Brooks Locomotive Works of Dunkirk, and after becoming proficient continued there as a journeyman for several years. He left the locomotive works to accept an appointment as a member of the Dunkirk police force, on which he served for six years. He again entered the employ of the Locomotive Works, and later was promoted to the position of foreman of the boiler department, a position he filled most capably for nineteen years. Ill health then compelled him to resign his post to accept the lighter work of an inspector in the same department of the works, and in that position he continued until his death. Mr. Walter was a member of Dunkirk Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; the Lutheran church, and in politics an independent Republican. He was well known in Dunkirk and was highly regarded as a man of honor, public-spirited and enterprising. He served under Charles J. Wirtner as a member of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, was for a time assistant chief of the Fire Department, and in all things measured up to all the requirements of good citizenship.

Death came to Mr. Walter without warning, June 13, 1914. He with his brother-in-law, Frederick G. Bird, the latter's son, George Bird, and others, were on their way to Wesleyville in an automobile when they suddenly found themselves on the railroad track at Forsythe crossing near Ripley, in front of a rapidly approaching Eastern Express. There was no time to do more than realize the danger before the train struck the car, Mr. Walter, Mr. Bird and his son George, being killed in the collision. Mr. Walter is buried in Forest Hill Cemetery, Fredonia.

Otto E. Walter married, in Dunkirk, Millie Ludwig, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Schulte) Ludwig, her parents both born in Germany, but old residents of Dunkirk. Frederick G. Bird, brother-in-law of Mrs. Walter, was born in Dunkirk and for many years was a foreman in the Brooks and American Locomotive works at Dunkirk and at Schenectady, N. Y., being general foreman of the Dunkirk works at the time of his death, June 13, 1914. Mr. Bird married (first) Elizabeth Paxton, mother of George Bird, who was killed with his father and uncle. He married (second) Carrie Ludwig, sister of Mrs. Walter, and they were the parents of a daughter Mildred. Mr. Bird was a member of Dunkirk Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons. Both Mrs. Walter and Mrs. Bird continue to reside in Dunkirk.

**MICHAEL J. RATKOWSKI**—Among the prominent citizens of foreign birth residing in the town of Dunkirk, Chautauqua county, N. Y., where he has become a conspicuous figure in the mercantile life of the community, is Michael J. Ratkowski, a self-made man in the best sense of the term, who by his own efforts has attained a respected position and the high esteem of his fellow-townsmen.

Mr. Ratkowski was born Aug. 27, 1873, in Poland,





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and is a son of Michael and Mary Ratkowski, residents of that country. The elder Mr. Ratkowski died about the time of his son's birth, and shortly after, his wife came to the United States bringing her child with her, then but five years of age. They settled at Dunkirk, N. Y., and it was there that the earliest associations of the lad were formed and there that he gained his education as he grew older, attending for this purpose the parochial school of St. Hyacinth's Catholic Church. His mother's circumstances being none too good, he worked as a lad on the fruit farms of the neighborhood picking fruit. Upon completing his studies, he secured a position in the local planing mill of Alcott, Ross & Skelley, and worked in that establishment for three years. His next position was in the grocery store of D. Scannell, where he served successively as order boy, delivery man, and was eventually put in charge of the delivery department of the business. He then left Dunkirk for a time to take a place as salesman for the wholesale grocery house of W. H. Granger & Company, of Buffalo, and was on the road for this concern about eighteen months. From the time of his first employment as order boy young Mr. Ratkowski had taken a keen interest in his work, and up to the time of his resignation from the Buffalo house had devoted himself with the most commendable industry and ambition to learning the grocery business in all its branches, both retail and wholesale. He was accordingly excellently well fitted to engage in business on his own account, when on March 26, 1909, having saved up sufficient capital, he returned to Dunkirk and started a grocery store of his own. It was not long before he had established an enviable reputation for honesty and fair dealing, and his enterprise rapidly grew in size and importance until 1918, when he opened another grocery store, which has likewise prospered. His ventures having turned out so well, Mr. Ratkowski decided to extend the realm of his operations into allied lines, and in 1919 opened his present meat market, also in Dunkirk. He now conducts these three flourishing establishments and enjoys a large and high class patronage throughout the city. In addition to his private business, Mr. Ratkowski has become interested in the Serv-us-Stores, a chain of mercantile establishments dealing in groceries with branches in Dunkirk and elsewhere, where a large and growing business is done.

From early manhood Mr. Ratkowski has actively interested himself in local affairs and has become an influential figure in politics, being affiliated with the Democratic party, of the principles and policies of which he is a strong supporter. In 1920 he was elected fire and police commissioner for Dunkirk for a two year term, and is now discharging the difficult and responsible duties of his office with an efficiency and disinterestedness which has commended him to all classes of the community. In his religious belief he is a Roman Catholic and attends St. Hyacinth's Church at Dunkirk, serving the parish as a member of the finance committee. He is a member of the local chapter of Knights of Columbus and of the Order of Maccabees.

Michael J. Ratkowski was united in marriage at Dunkirk with Florence Barbara Kosciuszko, a member of one of the most distinguished Polish families, and a daughter of Marcell and Staniszevska Kosciuszko.

Eight children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Ratkowski, as follows: Sophia, Mary, Helen, Bernice, died aged nine years; Stesia, Leon, Edward, and Agnes.

#### ARCHIE VINCENT PARLATO, D. D. S.—

Among the most popular and successful of the younger professional men of Dunkirk, Chautauqua county, N. Y., where he is engaged in the practice of dentistry, is Dr. Archie Vincent Parlato, who has recently opened a handsome office here. Dr. Parlato is a native of Buffalo, where his birth occurred, Nov. 12, 1893, and a son of Vincent and Frances (Barone) Parlato, of that city, the former being engaged in agricultural pursuits in the neighborhood. To Vincent Parlato and his wife seven children were born, Dr. Parlato being the only son. As a lad he was brought by his parents to this region and attended the grammar and high schools of Fredonia. After graduation from the latter institution, he entered the Fredonia Normal College and was graduated there in 1915. The young man had, in the meantime, decided to take up dentistry as a profession, and with that end in view entered the dental department of the University of Buffalo as a member of the class of 1918. Shortly after the entrance of the United States into the great World War, he left his studies to enter the artillery forces of the United States army and was sent to Camp Dix, where he remained one month. He was then temporarily discharged in order to permit him to complete his professional studies and returned to the University of Buffalo, where he was graduated in 1918. He also served for six months as demonstrator and instructor in pathology and bacteriology at the same institution, and won an enviable reputation for earnest interest in his work and good scholarship. He reenlisted in the Medical Reserve Corps at the time of his discharge from the artillery and held himself ready to respond to his country's call to that branch of the service. On Feb. 12, 1919, he opened his present handsome office at Dunkirk and since that time has been actively engaged in the practice of his profession here. During this brief period, Dr. Parlato has built up a large practice, which is steadily growing, and is already to be numbered among the most popular dentists of the place. Dr. Parlato is a Roman Catholic in his religious belief and attends the St. Anthony Italian Church of that denomination at Fredonia. He is a prominent member of the local branch of the Order of Knights of Columbus. He is a Republican in politics.

**CLESSION ALLEN PUTNAM**, a prominent citizen of Brocton, Chautauqua county, N. Y., and one of the organizers and owners of the Naboth Vineyards, Incorporated, is a native of the town of Stockton, N. Y., where his birth occurred April 5, 1864, a son of Allen and Marilla (Smith) Putnam, old and highly respected residents of that place.

Mr. Putnam as a lad attended the public schools of Stockton and later, having determined to follow the profession of teaching, entered the Fredonia Normal School. He did not, however, follow out his intention, but afterwards took a commercial course at the Coleman Business School of Newark, N. J. Thereafter he was employed in the railway mail service for a number

of years, until he met with an accident in the year 1902. Upon returning to his native region from that city, Mr. Putnam rented a fine 60 acre farm in Portland township, Chautauqua county, which he cultivated for a time. He then gave up this work, and in association with a number of other gentlemen founded the Naboth Vineyards, Incorporated. This flourishing organization was founded in the year 1903 with Franz C. Lewis as president, Mr. Putnam as secretary and treasurer, and Vernon Mathews as vice-president. It was originally designed to manufacture grape and other fruit juices, but has since that time been expanded into a cannery and packing establishment, where all sorts of fruits are canned and packed as well as many other farm products. A branch of the business which has recently assumed large proportions is that of the manufacture of tomato catsup. It was reorganized on April 1, 1919, with James R. Nicholson, president, Mr. Putnam, secretary, and Franz C. Lewis as general manager. Since this time it has carried on the same line of business and increased greatly in size and importance. The first building erected for the company's plant measured 65 x 40 feet and was five stories in height, but in 1908 two additions were made, both five stories in height and measuring respectively 30 x 70 feet and 90 x 90 feet. There is included in this large plant a complete steam power equipment as well as all kinds of modern machinery and devices for the carrying on of the work. At the present time about 150 men are employed, and the products of the factory are sold over the entire United States. Mr. Putnam is a Republican in politics, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is also affiliated with the Lake Shore Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of which he was secretary for several years, and with the local lodge of Knights of Pythias.

Clesson Allen Putnam married (first) Nov. 27, 1893, Persis Peck, of Portland township, a daughter of Ashael and Ann Peck. Her death occurred in the year 1901. On Jan. 4, 1914, Mr. Putnam married (second) Jane V. Martin, of Brocton, a daughter of William and Lodeska (Hall) Martin, of that place.

**THE WELLMAN FAMILY**—It is quite evident that the Wellman family took its name from the city of Wells in Somersetshire, England, which in turn obtained its name from a well called St. Andrew's Well, near the Bishop's palace, and from the fact that the founder of the family had received from one of the bishops charge of St. Andrew's Well, and had been called at first John the Well-man, or William the Wellman, which later became John or William Wellman. The name has been variously spelled as Wellman, Wellmane, Wellmon, Welman, Welmin, Wilman, Wilmon, Willman, Willmon, Willsman, Wellsman, and Weelman. In America the practice of spelling this name as Wellman began quite early and has increased in practice until it is nearly universally used by all of the family here.

The genealogy and history of the Wellman family and its origin in the Old World has been made with some success. Investigation in this country seems to show that the early immigrant Wellmans were only two in number, Thomas Wellman and William Wellman. However, family recollection points to a third, in the

person of Barnabas Wellman. The name Barnabas has been carried through several generations and it is thought that a Barnabas may have been one of the immigrants, and if not at least one of the sons of William Wellman. Thomas Wellman was in Lynn, Mass., as early as 1640. He bought land, lived and died in Lynn End (now Lynnfield), Mass. William Wellman was in Marshfield, Mass., as early as 1642, but moved that year to Gloucester, Mass., and thence in 1650 to New London, Conn., and thence, a few years later, to Killingworth, Conn., where he died. It was from Killingworth, Conn., that the following Wellmans came.

There is a line of seven generations bearing the name of Barnabas Wellman, but the first of whom there is any information was a Captain Barnabas Wellman, a seafaring man, who made many voyages between America and China. On one of these voyages he brought home a set of china dishes, a picture of his ship on each, and these were long preserved in the family, another Barnabas Wellman, who represented the family in the American Revolution, and last, a Barnabas Wellman who was an early settler in Chautauqua county, N. Y.

Barnabas Wellman, the Revolutionary soldier, was born Aug. 15, 1756, in Killingworth, Conn. According to records, he was a drum major in the War of the Revolution. His brothers and sisters were: Freelove, born May 22, 1753; Molly, born March 13, 1755; Paul, born April 15, 1757; and John, date of birth unknown. Like Barnabas, his brothers Paul and John fought in the Revolutionary army. He married and had the following children: James, born Nov. 30, 1783; Homer, born March 9, 1786; Barnabas, born Sept. 16, 1793, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work; Ford, of whom further; Leander, born Oct. 14, 1801. There were also two daughters named Millie, and Hannah.

Ford Wellman, son of Barnabas Wellman, was born in Killingworth, Conn., Jan. 3, 1796, and at the age of sixteen years, or in 1812, he was among the first pioneers who came into Chautauqua county. He followed the occupation of a farmer for many years, and died in the town of Harmony. He married Sally Patchin, by whom he had the following children: Harriet, William Dighton, of whom further; Calvin M., Phylander H., Sally, Alvira and Fidelia.

William Dighton Wellman, son of Ford and Sally (Patchin) Wellman, was born in the town of Busti, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Aug. 2, 1819. He followed the occupation of farmer a number of years, and later moved to Jamestown, where he resided until his death, Dec. 5, 1895. He was a leading member of the Republican party. He married Laura Louisa Martin, like himself a native of Busti, N. Y., born Feb. 11, 1825, a daughter of George and Laura (Hatch) Martin. William Dighton and Laura L. (Martin) Wellman were the parents of the following children: Warren Dighton, whose sketch follows; Julia E., who married H. N. Urmy, of Los Angeles, Cal., where they now live; Elmer Ellsworth, whose sketch follows; and Arthur Martin, whose sketch follows.

**DR. WARREN DIGHTON WELLMAN**, who has for many years occupied a prominent place among the active physicians of Jamestown, Chautauqua county, N. Y., is a native of the town of Harmony, in this county,



where his birth occurred Feb. 13, 1855. He is a son of William Dighton and Laura Louisa (Martin) Wellman, old and highly respected residents.

The childhood of Dr. Warren Dighton Wellman was passed in his native town of Harmony, where he attended the local district schools. He was later a pupil at the public schools of Sugar Grove, Pa., and still later at the Jamestown Union School and Collegiate Institute (now the Jamestown High School), where he was prepared for college. He then entered the Rochester Business University at Rochester, N. Y., from which he graduated in 1877. Having in the meantime determined to follow medicine as a profession, the young man entered the Electric Medical Institute at Cincinnati, Ohio, from which he was graduated with the class of 1881, taking at the same time his degree as Doctor of Medicine. He then began practice at Sugar Grove, Pa., where he remained a number of years, but in the spring of 1888 removed to Jamestown, where he has been practicing his profession ever since. In addition to his professional activities Dr. Wellman has also become interested in the business life of the community, and is now the president and a member of the well known firm of Wellman Brothers, Incorporated, owners of the Jamestown Sample Furniture Company. He is also a director of the Liberty National Bank, and is one of the most influential citizens and business men of Jamestown. Dr. Wellman is a member of Mt. Moriah Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; the Protected Home Circle, the Jamestown Medical Society, the Chautauqua County Medical Society, the New York State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association. In politics he is a Republican.

Dr. Warren Dighton Wellman was united in marriage, July 14, 1886, at Merritton, Ontario, with Dora Phelps, a daughter of Noah and Adeline (Loveland) Phelps. Mr. and Mrs. Phelps were natives of New York and Pennsylvania, respectively, and the former was president of the Lincoln Paper Mill Company, and also engaged in business as a lumberman in Ontario. Dr. and Mrs. Wellman are the parents of two children, as follows: Clarice Louisa, a graduate of Simons College, Boston, and Syracuse University; Donald P., who is now a student in the senior class of the University of Pennsylvania, where he is taking the usual classical course.

**ELMER ELLSWORTH WELLMAN**, president of the Liberty National Bank, of Jamestown, Chautauqua county, N. Y., and one of the well known financiers of the county, is a member of the old and prominent Wellman family.

Elmer Ellsworth Wellman, son of William Dighton and Laura Louisa (Martin) Wellman, is a native of the town of Harmony, Chautauqua county, N. Y., and as a lad attended the local public schools. Later he was a student at the Tidioute High School, Tidioute, Pa., from which he graduated with honors. He was ambitious to begin his business career, and shortly after leaving school he secured a position as a traveling representative for a Jamestown concern, in which he was exceedingly successful, and finally secured enough capital to engage, with his brother, Dr. W. D. Wellman, in the retail drug business on his own account at Sugar Grove, Pa. From the outset Mr. Wellman

showed himself to be a most capable business man and this enterprise, which they continued to conduct for some six years, was successful. He then came to Jamestown, where they opened a retail drug store in 1888, and conducted the same until 1916, a period of twenty-eight years, during which time they had developed one of the largest and best known drug establishments of its kind in the city. In the latter year Mr. Wellman sold his business interests and organized the Liberty National Bank, which was opened for business, July 1, 1919, Mr. Wellman being elected its president. This bank has already made an important place for itself in the financial interests of the community, and bids fair to be one of the most prosperous organizations of the city, under the capable management of its founder and president. In addition to his banking interests, Mr. Wellman is also a member and vice-president and treasurer of the firm of Wellman Brothers, Incorporated, of which his brother, Dr. Warren Dighton Wellman is the president. This concern is owner of the Jamestown Sample Furniture Company, deals very largely in furniture, and possesses a market for this commodity throughout a very large territory and to cities within a radius of hundreds of miles.

Mr. Wellman is a staunch supporter of the Republican principles and policies; although he is well known and popular, he has consistently avoided holding public office. He is prominent in fraternal and club circles here, and is especially prominent in Masonic circles, in which he has attained the thirty-second degree of Free Masonry. He is a member of Mount Moriah Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Western Sun Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Jamestown Commandery, Knights Templar; Jamestown and Buffalo Consistories; and Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also affiliated with the local lodge of the Order of Eagles, with the Jamestown Board of Commerce, and the Sportsman's Club, of this city. In religious belief Mr. Wellman is a Presbyterian and attends the church of that denomination at Jamestown.

Elmer Ellsworth Wellman was united in marriage, Sept. 11, 1895, at Jamestown, N. Y., with Bertha Julia Fenton, a daughter of Elliot A. and Helen (Leslie) Fenton, both members of old and distinguished New York families. One child has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Wellman, as follows: Robert Fenton, who is now attending high school at Jamestown.

**ARTHUR MARTIN WELLMAN**, well known business man and prominent member of the Wellman Brothers' interests of Jamestown, is secretary of this well known concern and general manager of the Jamestown Sample Furniture Company.

Arthur Martin Wellman, son of William Dighton and Laura Louisa (Martin) Wellman, was born Feb. 18, 1866, in Busti, Chautauqua county, N. Y. He was educated in the district school at Harmony and Sugar Grove Union School. He assisted his father at farm work until he was about twenty years of age, and then went with his brothers, Dr. Warren D. and Elmer E., as clerk in their general store at Sugar Grove, Pa. When the two elder brothers came to Jamestown and located their drug business here, Arthur M. Wellman

followed within a few months afterwards, and joined his brothers in their new undertaking. The Wellman business gradually increased, and in 1898 he was officially taken into the firm partnership by his two brothers. The subsequent years following and up to the present time, Mr. Wellman has entirely devoted his time to the business conducted by the Wellman Brothers, of which he is secretary, as well as being general manager of the Jamestown Sample Furniture Company. He is also a director of the Liberty National Bank, of which his brother, Elmer E. Wellman, is president. Mr. Wellman is of a retiring disposition and his club and fraternal life is quite limited, being a member of the Masons, Protected Home Circle, and the Rotary Club. He is a staunch member of the Republican party.

He married, in 1901, Ada Orr, daughter of Austin J. and Elizabeth M. (Nichols) Orr, of Jamestown, N. Y. To this union were born two children: Howard Q. D., born May 3, 1902; and Albert A., born April 23, 1905.

The business romance of the well-known Wellman Brothers of Jamestown, has been one of success from its very inception. This success was brought about by the consistent effort and practical views taken by the three brothers in all the enterprises in which they engaged. In 1888, when Messrs. Warren D., Elmer E. and Arthur M. Wellman located in Jamestown and started the Wellman Brothers Drug Store, it was little thought at that time that this enterprise was the nucleus of the businesses which have followed and made the Wellman name a record in Chautauqua county history. The drug business prospered and as larger quarters were needed the Wellman building was erected in 1898, at the corner of West Third and Cherry streets, and this business was conducted therein until their retirement from it in 1916. In 1910 more room was required to meet the demand for rentals and a large addition was built on Cherry street, adjoining the original Wellman building. These buildings now house the Liberty National Bank, the Wellman Brothers Store, Paquin Jewelry Store, besides many suitable offices and the quarters of the Jamestown Chamber of Commerce. The Jamestown Sample Furniture Company conducted in this building by Wellman Brothers is a very well known concern among the furniture dealers and consumers, and the business, like all other Wellman enterprises, is remarkably increasing its sales from year to year. The Liberty National Bank, of which Elmer E. Wellman is president, has likewise enjoyed a prosperous era and much credit can be given the Wellman spirit in this institution.

**ALFRED TRACY LIVINGSTON, M. D.**—Leving, a Hungarian noble, came to Scotland in the train of Margaret, Queen of Malcolm III of Scotland, about 1078, and from him sprang the ancient and noble family of Livingston, a corruption of "de Levingstoune," adopted as surname by William, grandson of Leving. In America the name is an honored one, and in the State capitol at Albany, N. Y., their armorial bearings are sculptured, a mark of public honor. Eight Livingstons were in command of troops at the battle of Saratoga; Chancellor Livingston stands chief among the chancellors of New York and is honored with a full figure bronze statue in the State capitol; William Livingston was New Jersey's famous war governor during the

Revolution; and all are descended from Rev. John Livingston, a Non-Conformist clergyman of the twenty-third generation of the descendants of Leving, the Hungarian noble, and the immediate ancestor of this branch of the American family; Dr. Alfred T. Livingston tracing from Rev. John Livingston through the latter's youngest son James.

John Livingston, the founder of this branch in America, and a lineal descendant of Rev. John Livingston, of Scotland, came from the county of Monaghan, Ireland, to Saratoga county, N. Y., about 1764. Later he moved to Salem, Washington county, N. Y., and there died. He was called out several times during the Revolution and each time rendered the service required. His wife, who was a Miss Boyd, came with him from Ireland.

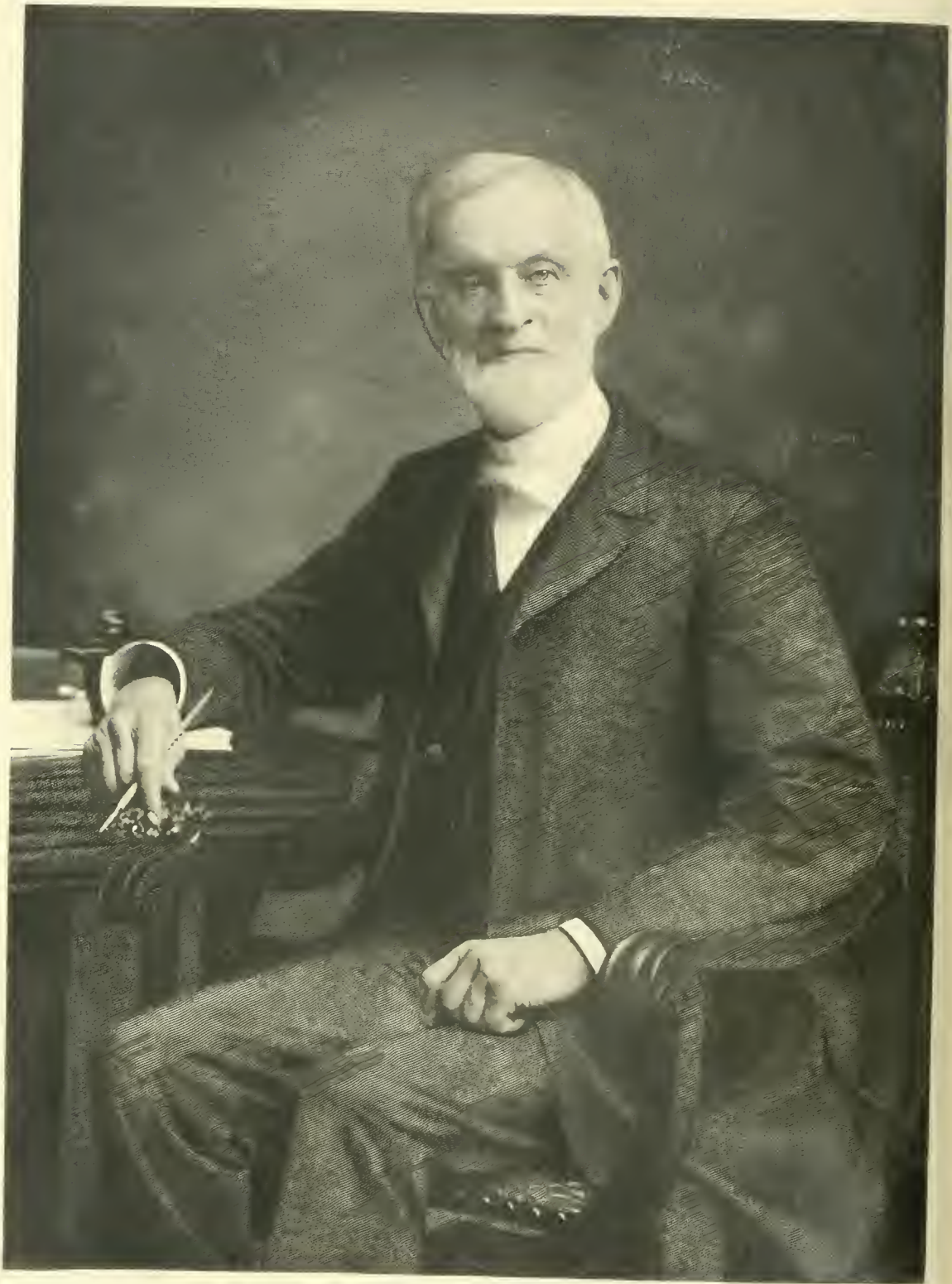
The line continues through Dr. William Livingston, son of John Livingston, founder, who was born at Stillwater, Saratoga county, N. Y., Feb. 15, 1768, died May 8, 1860. He was a physician of Hebron, Washington county, N. Y., and of Essex county. He came to Chautauqua county, N. Y., in 1828, but returned after a few years to Essex county. He was a leading physician of his day, a prominent Whig, and was four times elected to the Legislature from Washington county. He married (first) Sarah Tracy, and among their children was a son, John Jay.

John Jay Livingston was born at Hebron, N. Y., Oct. 19, 1798, died at Jamestown, N. Y., Aug. 3, 1890. He came to Chautauqua county in 1830, but in 1832 went to Venango county (later designated Clarion county), Pa., where for fifty-four years he was a resident of Shippenville and Tylersburg. He was a surveyor and civil engineer, and after attaining the age of eighty performed professional field work with his instruments for twenty-seven consecutive days. He was active to the end of his years, ninety-two. He spent the last years of his life in Jamestown at the home of his son, Dr. Alfred T. Livingston. He married (third) Elizabeth Jane Whitehill, born April 8, 1809, near Bellefonte, Pa., died June 7, 1886, daughter of James Whitehill, a skilled smith who conducted a forge and foundry in Center county, Pa., and later in Clarion county.

Alfred Tracy Livingston, only child of John Jay Livingston and Elizabeth Jane (Whitehill) Livingston, was born in Shippenville, Clarion county, Pa., April 1, 1849, now (1920) living retired at his home at Driftwood on the shores of Chautauqua Lake. He was educated in the Jamestown public schools and academy and Allegheny College, graduating from the latter in class of 1870. He then began the study of medicine with his brother, Dr. James B. Livingston, and later under Dr. Benton, at Tarr Farm, Pa., going thence to the medical department of the University of Buffalo, receiving his M. D. with the class of 1873. He began the practice of his profession in Buffalo, but in the autumn of the same year accepted appointment as assistant physician at the State Insane Hospital, Utica, N. Y., there remaining five years. He spent the next eight years in Philadelphia, Pa., there establishing the first Home Hospital for the treatment of mental disease. In 1886 he removed to Jamestown, N. Y. In 1904 he purchased a fruit plantation near Dorado, Porto Rico, where he spends half of each year. He is a member of the American Medical Association, New York State and Chautauqua







*William A Hallack*

County Medical societies, and has written many papers on medical subjects. He is a member also of the American Electro Therapeutic Society.

Dr. Livingston married (first) Jan. 16, 1879, Catherine Packer, born May 13, 1853, died July 13, 1883. He married (second) June 21, 1899, Nellie Elizabeth Hallock, born Jan. 26, 1862, daughter of Rev. William Allen and Clara M. (Hall) Hallock (q. v.). Dr. and Mrs. Livingston are the parents of a daughter, Clara Elizabeth, born in Jamestown, May 5, 1900.

**REV. WILLIAM ALLEN HALLOCK** is an honored and devoted minister of the Congregational church, who spent a part of his mature life in Chautauqua county.

Through his mother he traced his descent to the Pilgrims, counting five ancestors who came over in the "Mayflower." His father's family settled in Southold, L. I., in 1640, Peter Hallock being the first of the name in this country. Mr. Hallock's great-grandfather, also named William, married Alice Homan, of Chilmark, Nantucket, and about 1766 moved to Goshen, Mass. He, with his two sons, Jeremiah and Moses, served in the War of the Revolution.

The Rev. Moses Hallock was graduated from Yale College in 1788, and on the completion of his theological studies was ordained pastor of the Congregational church in Plainfield, Mass., which he served for forty-five years. In addition to his ministerial duties, he established in his home a classical school for boys in which he fitted more than 300 for college. Among them were seven of the early missionaries, more than fifty clergymen, and others widely known including the poet Bryant, Marcus Whitman, who saved Oregon, and John Brown, of Ossawatimie.

His wife was Margaret (Allen) Hallock, of Chilmark, Nantucket, a descendant of Thomas Mayhew, the first governor of Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket, as well as a successful missionary to the Indians living on those islands. Of the four sons who received their early training in the home school, Rev. William A. Hallock, D. D., was for fifty years at the head of the American Tract Society; Gerard, for over thirty years editor of the New York Journal of Commerce; and Homan, a missionary printer, made the first Arabic type in Syria. The remaining son, Leavitt H. Hallock, father of Rev. William A. Hallock, was born in Plainfield, Jan. 21, 1798, where he spent most of his life. He was a general merchant, for some time a tanner, and a farmer. He served several terms as justice of the peace, was postmaster, and in 1849 was elected to the Massachusetts Legislature. He died Oct. 16, 1877, at the home of his son, Rev. Leavitt H. Hallock, D. D., in West Winstead, Conn. In 1829 he married Elizabeth Porter Snell, daughter of Ebenezer and Deborah (Porter) Snell, of Cummington, Mass., her Aunt Sarah being the mother of William Cullen Bryant. The children of this marriage were twin daughters, Fanny and Eliza; Fanny married Rev. Henry M. Hazeltine, of Jamestown, where she died Jan. 10, 1920; Eliza married Rev. Thomas H. Rouse, who was pastor of the First Congregational Church of Jamestown from 1856 to 1868; Rev. William A. Hallock, born in Plainfield, Aug. 27, 1832; also a

younger brother, Rev. Leavitt H. Hallock, D. D., now of Portland, Me.

Rev. William A. Hallock was graduated from Amherst College, in 1855. He entered Yale Theological Seminary, but owing to an accident was obliged to drop his studies. A voyage on a sailing vessel to Constantinople restored his health, and in 1859 he was graduated from the Hartford Theological Seminary and accepted the pastorate of the Congregational Church in Gilead, Conn., where he remained for four years, until a railroad accident compelled him to give up his work. He then moved to Jamestown and when his health again improved preached acceptably in Kiantone, Frewsburg, Sugar Grove, and Ashville. In 1877 he went to Connecticut, where he served the Congregational church in Bloomfield for twelve years. He then returned to Jamestown, N. Y., which he considered his home for the remainder of his life, though much of the last years were spent in Porto Rico. He died Sept. 4, 1911, and is buried in Jamestown. The funeral service was held in Pilgrim Memorial Church, and was unusually impressive, his brother, Dr. Hallock, delivering a beautiful tribute of love and appreciation.

Mr. Hallock had a strong character. He was an able pulpit orator, abounding in energy and enthusiasm. The churches which he served prospered under his leadership. In Jamestown, after retiring from active ministerial work, he took a deep interest in the Sunday school out of which grew Pilgrim Memorial Church, and was for some years its superintendent. He gave the site for the Young Men's Christian Association building in Jamestown, and his portrait hangs in the library. Mr. Hallock was active and impulsive, at the same time showing an unusual perseverance in carrying through any enterprise he undertook.

He married, Sept. 19, 1860, Clara M. Hall, daughter of William and Julia (Jones) Hall, born in Jamestown, July 5, 1836, died Sept. 17, 1897. A son, William Hall, born in 1864, died in 1894, after several years study in Germany, where he had gone after completing his college course at Amherst. A daughter, Nellie Elizabeth, graduated at Smith College, and on June 21, 1899, married Alfred Tracy Livingston, M. D., of Jamestown, who now (1920) has a summer home at Driftwood-on-Chautauqua, but spends the winters in Dorado, Porto Rico. Dr. and Mrs. Livingston have one daughter, Clara Elizabeth.

William Hall, father of Mrs. Clara M. (Hall) Hallock, was born in Wardsboro, Vt., Aug. 17, 1793, died in Jamestown, N. Y., July 6, 1880, having been a resident there for sixty-four years, son of William and Abigail (Pease) Hall, his father a Revolutionary soldier. William Hall came to Jamestown in 1816 and became one of the leading business men, a public-spirited citizen. He married Julia Jones, daughter of Solomon Jones, and they were the parents of: Colonel William C. J. Hall; Rev. Elliot C. Hall; and Clara M. Hall, wife of Rev. William Allen Hallock.

**JOHN CHAMBERLAIN MASON**—From boyhood John C. Mason has been identified with the jewelry business, serving an apprenticeship under his honored father, Levant L. Mason, a wonderfully skilled jeweler



and engraver, and Jamestown's oldest merchant at the time of his death in 1911. In the course of time his son succeeded him but not in the store which had been their mutual business home for so long, John C. Mason moving a block further north to No. 305 Main street, his present location. Not alone as a successful business man is he known in Jamestown, the city of his birth, but as a man of genial, social nature, gifted in mind, a good entertainer, and versatile writer. Who does not recall his minstrel shows with their burlesque of the Board of Aldermen and other local characters, written by Mr. Mason, full of pungent wit and humor, wit without malice or sting, and humor clean and wholesome. The ladies of the Warren Home for the Aged remember his entertainments in their behalf, and in countless ways Mr. Mason has added to the fund of humorous entertainments. He is a son of Levant L. and Eunice (Stevens) Mason, and a grandson of Belden B. and Mercy (Whitcomb) Mason, who came to Jamestown from Erie county, N. Y., in 1831.

Levant L. Mason was born at Clarence, Erie county, N. Y., Dec. 25, 1826, died in Jamestown, N. Y., in 1911. His parents came to Jamestown in 1831, and that city was ever afterward his home with the exception of the years spent in Rochester, N. Y., learning the jeweler's trade. He was engaged in the jewelry business in Jamestown, occupying several locations before finally purchasing the building at No. 217 Main street, where he continued in business until his retirement after sixty years of service. He served Jamestown as trustee and village president; as a member of the Board of Education for sixteen years; and as secretary and superintendent of the Lake View Cemetery Association from 1876 for more than a quarter of a century. For more than half a century he was vestryman or warden of St. Luke's Protestant Episcopal Church; was a past master of Mt. Moriah Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons (an honor also held by his son, John C. Mason); was a companion of Western Sun Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; and a sir knight of Jamestown Commandery, Knights Templar.

Levant L. Mason married, at Rochester, N. Y., May 10, 1850, Eunice Stevens, and on May 10, 1900, they celebrated the golden anniversary of their wedding day, their home during all of that period having been at the corner of Lafayette and West Second streets. Mrs. Mason died Dec. 7, 1903. They were the parents of three children: John C., of further mention; Caroline, married Henry S. Penfield; Lucy H., married Frederick P. Hall, of Jamestown.

John C. Mason was born in Jamestown, N. Y., Oct. 5, 1851, and there spent the years of his minority. He passed the grades of Jamestown's primary, grammar and high schools, then served a regular apprenticeship to the jeweler's trade under his father, with whom he remained until attaining legal age, in 1872. In that year he opened a jewelry store in Mayville, Chautauqua county N. Y., there remaining seven years. The next four years were spent in the jewelry business in Randolph, N. Y., then after an absence of eleven years Mr. Mason returned to Jamestown and his father's employ. They were associated in business at No. 217 Main street for all the years which intervened until Levant L. Mason retired, but not as partners, the son a salaried man, but

carrying the heavier responsibilities. During this period John C. Mason perfected himself in the optician's art by a course in Cleveland and added that as a special department of the business. Finally Levant L. Mason, then an octogenarian, disposed of his stock at auction and retired, John C. Mason then moving to his present location, No. 305 Main street, where with new, fresh stock and fixtures he opened a modern jewelry store with an optical department. That was in 1910 and there he still continues, well-established and prosperous. He is a member and a former president of the Jamestown Jewelers' Association, resigning that office in 1919. Honorable and upright in his business life, Mr. Mason retains leading position in the business which has been conducted in Jamestown under the Mason name for over seventy years.

Social and genial in nature, Mr. Mason has long been identified with leading fraternal orders and has recently extended his connections by entering the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of the Masonic order. He is a past master of Mt. Moriah Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; past high priest of Western Sun Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; member of Jamestown Council, Royal and Select Masters; and Jamestown Commandery, Knights Templar. He is also past exalted ruler of Jamestown Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. The partisan preferences of earlier years have given way to a cooler view of matters political, and "Independent" best expresses his present position. He is a member of St. Luke's Protestant Episcopal Church.

Mr. Mason was for many years interested in local amateur theatricals, his special field little plays of his own composition, a burlesque on local politicians and others, put on under the guise of a minstrel show. He frequently recited at lodge and social entertainments selections from humorous writings, but best pleased his audiences by poems of his own, bringing out good-naturedly the traits, sayings and characteristics of the local "Great or nearly Great." He was a good entertainer and has not entirely outgrown the pleasures a good entertainment affords. He has prepared for this work a chapter on the Elks lodges of Chautauqua, and in a pleasing manner shown some of the beauties of that order. His recreations in his younger years were those of the out-of-doors, trout fishing especially appealing to him.

Mr. Mason married, in Randolph, N. Y., Caroline J. Mason, of Schenectady, N. Y., a distant relative. They are the parents of a son and daughter: William C., married Harriet Staples and they are the parents of a son, Charles; Eunice Stevens.

**ARTHUR WHITE SWAN**—The business career of Arthur W. Swan, cashier of the National Chautauqua County Bank, of Jamestown, N. Y., began in a mercantile house, but banking early attracted him and for twenty-one years he has steadily pursued that branch of business activity. The position he now ably fills came to him through a series of earned promotions, for he began at the bottom and has risen through merit alone. He is a son of Daniel S. and Margaret E. (White) Swan, of Randolph, Cattaraugus county, N. Y.

Arthur W. Swan was born in Randolph, April 8, 1880, and there spent his youth and earliest manhood. He was







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located in the public schools and at Chamberlain Institute, Randolph, and when school years were completed he entered business life as clerk in a Randolph store. In 1899 he became an employee of the State Bank of Randolph and there found his true vocation. Three years were spent in the Randolph bank, then, at the age of twenty-two, he came to Jamestown and in 1902 became a clerk in the National Chautauqua County Bank. That was eighteen years ago and from clerk he has risen through promotions to the cashier's desk, having held that position since 1916. He is a young man of character and integrity, well versed in the principle of the business he follows, and highly regarded in the banking fraternity. In his younger years athletic sports strongly appealed to Mr. Swan, but his out-of-doors recreation now is with rod and reel. He is a member of the Sportman's Club, and his holidays are usually spent on Chautauqua Lake, and Mrs. Swan is as enthusiastic a bass fisherman as her husband. Mr. Swan is a member of the Jamestown Rotary Club and Chamber of Commerce, lending his influence and personal aid to forward the work of these two organizations of business men who are laboring for the advancement of local interests. He is a past master of Mt. Moriah Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and past chancellor commander of Crescent Lodge, Knights of Pythias; a member of the First Presbyterian Church, and in politics an independent voter.

Mr. Swan married, in Jamestown, Oct. 4, 1906, Sadie J. Loucks, daughter of Wallace and Mary E. Loucks, of Jamestown. Mr. and Mrs. Swan are the parents of a son, Daniel A., born Aug. 16, 1907.

**CLARENCE A. HULTQUIST**—For about forty years Clarence A. Hultquist has been a resident of Jamestown, and since 1903 has been numbered among the enterprising, prosperous merchants of that city, being proprietor of The Fair, a high-class variety store, and vice-president of the Jamestown Upholstery Company, manufacturers of upholstered furniture. He is one of the successful business men of Jamestown, which as long been his home, and has contributed his full share to its development.

Clarence A. Hultquist was born in Sweden, June 25, 1864, and there spent his youth. Some of his relatives had come to the United States and had located in Jamestown, N. Y., and he decided to join them. He arrived here in 1881, and after locating his relatives he found employment, spending three years with the Jamestown Worsted Mills. Factory life held no attraction for him, and leaving the worsted mills he became connected with J. B. Collins, the founder of The Fair, a variety store at the corner of Third and Main streets, Jamestown. There the young man found more suitable employment, and from that year until the present he has been engaged in the field of retail merchandizing. He began as a clerk under Mr. Collins and continued with him in constantly advancing position until 1903, when Mr. Hultquist made his first venture as an independent merchant. For one year he operated a store on Second street, then opened his present establishment at No. 18 east Third street, which he conducts under the same name as that of the old store in which he was so long clerk. The Fair may properly be classed as a variety

store as its lines are many, but perhaps crockery and glass-ware best describe it. A wonderful line of toys and games is carried, kitchen-ware of all kinds, the store being well arranged and stocked with an abundance of standard and seasonable goods. The volume of business has steadily increased with years, and The Fair is considered one of Jamestown's foremost stores. When the Jamestown Upholstery Company was organized by former employees of the Jamestown Lounge Company, Mr. Hultquist secured an interest which has been increased, he having been vice-president of the company, his son, Carl A. Hultquist, secretary, another son, Earl O. Hultquist, treasurer. The company manufacture upholstered furniture at their plant, No. 300 Crescent street, Jamestown. Fred A. Nelson, one of the incorporators of the company, is president (1920). The company is a conservative, well-managed corporation with a modern factory plant, and has grown to a condition of prosperity and reliability.

Although essentially a business man, Mr. Hultquist has many outside interests, social, fraternal, and religious, which have brought him much into the public eye. He is a member of the Norden Club, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Swedish Brotherhood, Knights of the Maccabees, and Lief Erikson Lodge, No. 26, Scandinavian Fraternal Association of America. He is a long time member of the First Lutheran Church of Jamestown and its present treasurer. In politics he is a Republican.

Mr. Hultquist married, in Jamestown, Carlotta Matilda Peterson, of Jamestown. They are the parents of three children: 1. Carl A., secretary of the Jamestown Upholstery Company; residing at home with his parents. 2. Earl O., secretary-treasurer of the Art Metal Construction Company and treasurer of the Jamestown Upholstery Company; he married Marguerite Peterson, and they reside at No. 105 Chandler street, Jamestown. 3. Bessie A., the only daughter, resides with her parents at the family home No. 839 Prendergast avenue.

**FRANK JOHN KANE, D. D. S.**—Among the most successful and prominent of the rising dentists of Dunkirk, Chautauqua county, N. Y., is Dr. Frank J. Kane, a native of that city, whose entire life up to the present, save for the short period of his college career, has been identified with its affairs. Dr. Kane is a son of Daniel and Mary (Clifford) Kane, old and respected residents of Dunkirk, who still reside there. The elder Mr. Kane and his wife were the parents of four children, Julia, Frank John, with whom we are here concerned, Daniel and John.

Dr. Kane was born at Dunkirk, Feb. 26, 1894, and passed his childhood at the home of his parents in that city, attending, when he became old enough, the public schools. He passed through the grammar grades and later entered the high school, where his general education was completed and he was prepared for a collegiate course. As a youth he was ambitious of a professional career, and accordingly matriculated at the Dental School of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. There he took the prescribed course and graduated with the class of 1916, having established a reputation as an intelligent and industrious student. In 1916 also he passed the examinations of the state boards of Michigan

and New York, and for the following year was associated with a prominent dentist of Detroit. It was in 1917 that he opened his own office at Dunkirk and began the practice of his profession there. His office is one of the most perfectly equipped in the city, having all the most modern instruments and appliances for the dental surgeon, and his own skill and knowledge is generally recognized so that his practice has developed in the three years of his activities here and is still growing rapidly. Dr. Kane has always interested himself in the general life of the community and takes a prominent part therein, being a member of a number of organizations of various kinds. He became a member of the Phi Psi Phi fraternity during his college days, and since then has become affiliated with the local chapter of the Knights of Columbus of the third degree and the American Preparedness League. In politics he is an Independent, associating himself with no party but preferring to exercise his own judgement on all matters of public issue without regard to partisan considerations of any kind. He is a Roman Catholic in religious belief, and attends the Church of St. Mary of that denomination at Dunkirk.

**CHARLES L. ECKMAN**—Throughout the length and breadth of our country we find men who have worked their way unaided from the lowest rung of the ladder to positions of eminence and power in the community, and not the fewest of these have been of foreign birth or descent. The more credit is due them for the additional obstacles they had to overcome, and the indomitable courage with which they have been possessed. Financial affairs have been especially benefited by this influx of foreign ideas, and those of Swedish birth or descent have earned distinction to an even greater extent than those of other nations. An example in point is the life of Charles L. Eckman, of Jamestown, N. Y., who was born May 9, 1866, near Kalmar, Sweden, a son of N. P. and Sophie Eckman. Mr. Eckman, Sr., was a native of Sweden, but came to this country in 1869 and was for many years employed in the business of refining petroleum in Western Pennsylvania. He is at present living retired.

Charles L. Eckman received his education in the public schools of Titusville, Pa., and Buffalo, N. Y., and after finishing his studies became a telegraph operator, continuing along this line for some time, then accepted a position as clerk in the Commercial Bank of Titusville. He later became an accountant for S. S. Bryan & Company of the same city. In 1894 he became successively, secretary, treasurer and general manager of the Breed-Johnson Furniture Company of Jamestown, and some years later Mr. Eckman, with his brother, J. A. Eckman, purchased the interests of the other members of the firm and the name was changed to The Eckman Furniture Company, of which Mr. Eckman is now the head.

Politically Mr. Eckman is a staunch Republican, but he has never cared for the emoluments of office. He is a member of the commission governing the O. E. Jones General Hospital, and was formerly on the Board of the Farmers and Mechanics Bank, but since the organization of the American National Bank has been on its executive committee, which office he holds at the present

time. Fraternally Mr. Eckman is a member of the Masonic bodies; a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; a member of the Norden Club, of which he was one of the founders and president for some time; was also the first vice-president of the Board of Commerce from its organization up to 1920; on the executive committee of the Manufacturers' Association; on the Board of the Swedish Chamber of Commerce of New York; is the chairman for this district of the American Scandinavian Foundation of New York; and is a member of the Swedish Historical Society of America. Ever since the Jamestown Furniture Market Association was organized he has served as its treasurer. Mr. Eckman also had the high honor of being knighted by King Gustav V, of Sweden, receiving the degree, Royal Order of Vasa, First Class, in 1916. In religious affiliations Mr. Eckman and wife are prominent members of the First Lutheran Church of Jamestown, and are active in all its social as well as business affairs. Mr. Eckman is chairman of the Pension Committee of the Lutheran Augustana Synod for the Eastern States.

On Aug. 5, 1897, in Jamestown, N. Y., Mr. Eckman was united in marriage with Agnes Branney, a daughter of Caroline Branney. Mrs. Eckman is a woman of true refinement and culture and is very popular in the social circles of Jamestown. She is a member of the Board of Education of the city, secretary of the Visiting Nurse Association, also active in other organizations in Jamestown as well as elsewhere.

It can be said that the business career of Mr. Eckman has been one which he carved out for himself, his advancement being due to the exercise of his powers and to the possession of an industry which his will never allowed to falter, as well as to a close study of business conditions and his utilization of opportunities which others might have employed had they as carefully sought the way to success. He is a man of progressive ideas, has been successful in his business, and has proved his ability as manager of an enterprise which calls for intelligence, tact and skill. He has long been one of Jamestown's representative citizens, ever ready to give practical aid to any improvement which he believes will advance the public welfare. He is, as all who know him can testify, a man of pleasing manners, and what is better still, he is equally well known as a man of experience and trained mind. He is a most conspicuous example of the man who wins the confidence and respect of his fellowmen by strictly following the rules of life, both in a private and business way.

**HENRY R. HOUGHTON**—Prominent among the successful farmers of Chautauqua county, N. Y., is Henry R. Houghton, born in Lewis county, N. Y., April 24, 1849, the son of Thomas Bennett and Elizabeth (Lamphier) Houghton, both old and highly respected residents of that region, where the elder Houghton followed the trade of painter, later turning his attention to farming.

Henry R. Houghton received his education in the district schools of his native place, but was forced to leave school at the age of fifteen years in order to help his family, who were left without support about that time. His father had enlisted in the Union army, in the Civil War, and there gave his life for his country,





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and his son took up the burden of caring for the family. In 1863, Mr. Houghton came to Ripley and began his life as a farmer, and has now one of the most prosperous and flourishing farms in this region. Mr. Houghton is prominent in social and fraternal circles here, being a member of the local lodge of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and the Scottish Rite bodies of this place. He is also past noble grand of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and a member of the encampment as well as the local grange. He is a staunch supporter of the Republican party, and although he has never been desirous of holding public office has taken an intelligent and active interest in local public affairs as well as in the nation-at-large. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Henry R. Houghton was united in marriage at Ripley, Nov. 5, 1873, with Effie A. Rhinehart, a native of Ripley, daughter of James and Jane (Sinder) Rhinehart, and they are the parents of three children, as follows: 1. Leon Eugene, born Nov. 23, 1874; he was educated in the public schools of Ripley; married Lyda Mattice, a native of Canada, Nov. 26, 1895; they are the parents of two children: Harold E., born Nov. 16, 1897, enlisted in the United States Army in May, 1917, but was shortly afterwards killed in a railway accident at Erie, Pa.; and Hazel L., born March 3, 1898, now the wife of Harry Swab, to whom was born one child, Albert, April 10, 1918. 2. James Bennett, born April 6, 1881; was educated in the schools of his native town; has always followed the occupation of farming; like his father he is prominent in social and fraternal circles in Ripley, being a member of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is past noble grand, also past member of the Grand Lodge; a member of the local lodge of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, a member of Ripley Grange, No. 65, Patrons of Husbandry; is an active participant in the affairs of the Republican party, having been supervisor of elections for twelve years; he has held the office of township assessor for two years, his present term expiring in 1921; he attends the Methodist Episcopal church; James Bennett Houghton married Mary Elizabeth Marwood, of Franklin, Pa., Feb. 17, 1904; Mrs. Houghton was formerly a resident of Ohio, where her birth occurred; three children have been born of this marriage, as follows: Ralph Marwood, born Feb. 20, 1905; Laura ne, born Nov. 22, 1906; both being students in the local high school; Marjorie E., born March 15, 1910, student in the public school here. 3. Elizabeth G., born Nov. 10, 1885; graduated from the Ripley High School and later graduated from Allegheny College; she taught school a few years; was married, May 29, 1912, to Joseph D. Piper, also a graduate of Allegheny College; one girl, Marian Jane, was born from this union, Jan. 4, 1918; Mr. Piper, a resident of Derry, Pa., is an ordained Methodist minister, who was later made captain of the 137th Regiment, 88th Division, in the World War.

**GEORGE GUION CROSBY**, who has been prominently engaged in agricultural pursuits, and is also a dealer in cattle at Brocton, Chautauqua county, N. Y., is a native of this place, his birth having occurred in Hartland township, April 9, 1881. Mr. Crosby is related

to several families which have long been prominent in this region, notably that of Douglas, the members of which have taken active part in many different callings hereabouts.

George G. Crosby is a son of Ransom and Mary (Hunt) Crosby, being one of five children, namely: Eugene, William, George Guion, Dr. Birdina and Lillian. As a lad Mr. Crosby attended the public schools of his native region. He was quite young when he began his business career, and for fifteen years was occupied variously. He entered into his present business of cattle dealing a number of years ago and later added farming to his occupation. At the present time Mr. Crosby manages a fine vineyard of fifty-eight acres and has done considerable to promote the grape-growing industry in this part of the county. He also continues dealing largely in cattle, buying and selling on an average of 200 head each year. He also dresses cattle for market, which he sells to local butchers, and does considerable private trade both in wholesale and retail dressed beef.

Mr. Crosby has always been keenly interested in the general life of the community, and is a member of several important organizations at Brocton. He is affiliated with the local lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Brocton Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons. In politics he is an Independent Republican, and in his religious belief a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, which he has supported liberally here.

**GEORGE EDWARD SMITH, M. D.**, who has been one of the most prominent figures in medical circles at Dunkirk, Chautauqua county, N. Y., and has at the present time one of the largest practices in the city, is a native of Attica, Wyoming county, N. Y., his birth having occurred there May 13, 1863. His parents were Howard Powers and Philena (Nichols) Smith, the former for many years engaged in the business of cabinetmaker and carpenter at Rochester, N. Y. He afterwards became a contractor and builder and was very successful in this line at the same place. He and his wife were the parents of three children, as follows: George Edward, with whose career we are here especially concerned; Elizabeth, who died in infancy; and C. P., who became a prominent undertaker at Buffalo, N. Y., and resided at that place until his death.

George Edward Smith passed his childhood in a number of localities in Western New York, including his native town of Attica and the city of Rochester, and obtained his education at the public schools of Wyoming and Genesee counties. He attended the Wyoming County Seminary for a number of years and later the Attica High School, completing his elementary education and preparing himself for college at the latter institution. He had by this time determined upon a medical career, and with this end in view matriculated at the Medical School of the University of Buffalo, from which he was graduated with his degree as Doctor of Medicine with the class of 1886. He returned to New York State and established himself in practice at Alexander, where he also took an active part in public life and held the office of town clerk in 1887 and 1888. After a few years spent in Alexander he removed to Busti, N. Y., and from there to Cherry Creek, where he

served as health officer. Dr. Smith first came to this neighborhood in the year 1904, when he moved to Fredonia, where for a short time he continued in active practice and held the office of town physician. Later he opened his present office in Dunkirk and since that time has been practicing there, being now recognized as one of the leading members of his profession. Dr. Smith has been prominent in the general life of Dunkirk and is a member of many organizations, professional and otherwise, including the Dunkirk and Fredonia Medical Society, of which he was at one time president; the Chautauqua County Medical Society, of which he is now second vice-president; the New York State Medical Society; and the American Medical Association. He is also affiliated with the Masonic order and the local chapter of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is past grand of the latter. He is a Republican in politics, and always keenly interested in public questions, but his professional duties prevent him from taking so active a part in politics as his abilities fit him for. In his religious belief he is a Baptist and attends the First Baptist Church at Fredonia.

Dr. Smith was united in marriage, July 30, 1890, with Lydia Ann Lowell, of Angelica, N. Y., a daughter of Daniel D. and Lydia (Carpenter) Lowell, of that place. They are the parents of one child, Chester Alan Smith, who is now a student at Dunkirk High School.

**FRANKLIN W. RICKENBRODE**—As a farmer of many years' standing and unusual success Mr. Rickenbrode easily holds a conspicuous place among the agriculturists of Chautauqua county. His neighbors of Ripley know him also as a public-spirited citizen, active in community matters and greatly interested in fraternal affairs.

Henry Rickenbrode, father of Franklin W. Rickenbrode, was a farmer of Walton, Eaton county, Mich., subsequently moving to Ripley. He married Harriett Kinch and their children were: Alice A., Franklin W., mentioned below; William W., and Clara A.

Franklin W. Rickenbrode, son of Henry and Harriett (Kinch) Rickenbrode, was born July 24, 1859, on his father's farm at Walton, Eaton county, Mich., and was six years old when the family moved to Ripley. There he was educated in local schools, assisting in the labors of the farm until he attained his majority. He then entered upon an independent course of life and a few years later, by going deeply into debt, he was able to purchase a farm of fifty-six acres. This land he now devotes to general farming and grape culture and has extensively improved, having erected two large barns and various outbuildings, all of the latest and best in structure and equipment. In his residence, which is a very fine old Colonial house, he has made no alterations except such as were necessary in order to put it in perfect repair. In addition to the care of his own farm, Mr. Rickenbrode manages the homestead in which his brother, his sister and himself each have an interest. This farm, which consists of sixty-three acres, is also kept in a good state of cultivation. Politically he is an independent voter. He belongs to the Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, affiliates with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being past noble grand of his own lodge and in the Grand Lodge holds membership. His religious

affiliations have been and are with the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Rickenbrode married, June 4, 1884, Ella F. daughter of Albert G. and Clarrissa Tillinghast, and they are the parents of one child, May Alice, educated in Ripley, and now at home on the farm.

Franklin W. Rickenbrode is living a large life. His interests are many and he neglects none of them. He has built up his own fortune and in doing so has rendered himself useful to his community, winning the sincere respect and cordial liking of his neighbors and fellow-citizens.

**FREDERICK PERRY HALL**—In the year 1876 the Jamestown "Journal" passed into the hands of John A. Hall, whose previous political contributions to the press under the pseudonym of Paul Pry had given him some inclination toward a journalistic career, but who was primarily interested in its purchase by his youngest son, Frederick Perry Hall, then a mere lad of sixteen years, who for a year or two previously had operated an amateur printing outfit. Taking his son into his employ as the business manager, Mr. Hall, Sr., started the "Journal," which had been established in 1826, upon a successful career. He soon took the son into a full partnership, the firm being known as John A. Hall & Son until the death of the father in 1886. Frederick P. Hall then associated with him Fred W. Hyde and Walter B. Armitage, as copartners in the firm of the Journal Printing Company, which was established as a corporation in 1894 with Mr. Hall as its president, general manager and principal stockholder. The "Journal" from 1870 had both a daily and weekly issue, the latter being changed to a semi-weekly in 1892 and a tri-weekly in 1901. The "Journal" occupies its own building at Nos. 12-14-16 West Second street. Its present officers are: Frederick P. Hall, president and general manager; J. A. Clary, vice-president and managing editor; Henri M. Hall, treasurer and business manager; and Levant M. Hall, secretary and advertising manager.

Under the Hall management the "Journal" has grown into closely intimate relations with Chautauqua county, and the name Hall is practically synonymous with "Journal" to Chautauquans, and is apt to continue to be, for from 1906 a third generation of this family has been associated in the management. Mr. Hall has been rated in public opinion more the publisher than the business man, more the journalist than the manufacturer, the banker, the public-spirited citizen, when the facts are that he has long been identified with a number of other successful enterprises in Jamestown, and a prominent factor in its social, political, fraternal, philanthropic and religious circles.

Frederick Perry Hall, youngest son of John A. and Emily (Perry) Hall, was born in the town of Busti, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Nov. 8, 1859, and there spent the first twelve years of his life. In 1872, with his parents, he moved to Jamestown, where he continued his studies in the Jamestown Union School and Collegiate Institute until 1876, when he gave up his schooling to enter the employ of his father, who on May 20, 1876 had purchased and taken over the Jamestown "Journal," soon becoming a partner with his father in the publi-



*Frederick P. Hall*







cation of the "Journal," and after his father's death in 1886, the controlling factor in the paper. Mr. Hall has devoted his business career to the conduct of this newspaper which is recognized as one of the most successful and influential papers in this end of the State. Recognition of his standing among publishers is evidenced by the fact that he has been honored by selection as president of the New York State Press Association in 1894, of the New York Associated Dailies in 1908, and a vice-president of the National Editorial Association in 1909, at the time its annual meeting was held in Seattle, Wash. He was a member of the executive committee, vice-president, and in 1901 president, of the New York State Republican Editorial Association; has frequently been a delegate to conventions of newspaper men, and was named a member of the executive committee of the new State Association of Publishers, formed in 1920.

A Republican in politics, Mr. Hall has aided in the up-building of a strongly Republican community (Chautauqua being a banner Republican county) not alone through the columns of the "Journal" but by personal work. He was chairman of the County Committee in 1898-99, the county under his leadership rolling up one of its largest Republican majorities, and in 1920, as president of the Harding & Coolidge Club of Jamestown, he was a directing factor in the effective campaign of that year.

Mr. Hall's interests outside of the "Journal" have been many. He early became a director of the Union Trust Company, which was established in Jamestown in 1894, was for years its treasurer and is now a vice-president of that institution. He is also a director of the National Chautauqua County Bank. He is president of the Chautauqua Abstract Company, and has been since the company was first organized and started in business at Mayville, the county seat. In 1912, Mr. Hall was invited to become president of the Salisbury Wheel & Axle Company, a leading industry of Jamestown, then at a critical period of its history on account of lack of working capital to take care of its rapidly expanding business. Through Mr. Hall's assistance the affairs of the company were placed on a sound financial basis, the plant largely expanded, and the business increased from a production of a million dollars a year to approximately five millions a year. In 1919 the plant was sold to Eastern interests.

A bronze tablet in the Furniture Manufacturers' nine-story building at West Second and Washington streets records the fact that Mr. Hall was one of a board of five men which formulated the plan, secured the finances, and built the splendid structure which contributes much to the success of the furniture industry in Jamestown. Mr. Hall has been the secretary and treasurer of the company from its beginning.

Few men have taken a more interested, a more influential, or a more useful part in the various community interests of Jamestown than Mr. Hall. Since 1883 he has been a director of the Young Men's Christian Association, since 1887 a vestryman of St. Luke's Protestant Episcopal Church. He succeeded his father as a trustee of Lakeview Cemetery Association, and has been for several years president of the board. He was appointed a member of the city's first Park Commission and has ever since that time continued to have

a hand in the planning and maintenance of the parks of the city. During the World War he served in a prominent position on all Liberty Loan and war charity drives, and is a member of the budget committee of the Jamestown Community Chest, charged with fixing the quota of all local charities in the annual appeals for their support. He was by appointment of Governor Levi P. Morton made a member of the board of managers of the State Hospital for the Insane at Buffalo, and was for a time its vice-president. He declined reappointment at the hands of Governor Roosevelt but did yield to the request of the State Charities Aid Association to accept appointment upon the board of visitors to the State Hospital at Gowanda, a position he yet holds. Mr. Hall holds all degrees of the York and Scottish rites of Masonry up to and including the thirty-second, being a member of the various Jamestown units. He is a member of the Jamestown Club and the Moon Brook Country Club. In the intervals of a busy life, Mr. Hall has travelled extensively in this country and abroad, having made his first trip abroad with a party of four other young men in 1878.

Mr. Hall, Sept. 12, 1883, married Lucy Mason, the younger daughter of Levant L. and Eunice Mason, of Jamestown. They have had five sons: Henri Mason, of further mention; Levant Mason, of further mention; Frederick Perry, Jr., of further mention; Charles Edward, born Feb. 22, 1909, died April 28, 1919; and John Adams, born Feb. 2, 1903.

Henri Mason Hall, eldest son of Frederick Perry and Lucy (Mason) Hall, was born in the city of Jamestown, N. Y., Dec. 19, 1884, where he has ever since made his home. His education was secured in the Jamestown public schools, from which he graduated in 1901, Phillips Exeter Academy at Exeter, N. H., class of 1902, and Harvard University, A. B., 1906, A. M., 1907. Entering the office of the Journal Printing Company, publisher of the Jamestown "Journal," the day of his return, after completing his course at Harvard University in June, 1906, he has ever since continued his labors there. In fact, much of his summer vacations for years previous had been spent in some department of the newspaper work. He is now treasurer and business manager of the company, being closely associated with his father in the direction of the affairs of this well known newspaper. Like his father, taking part in newspaper publishers association work, he has been honored by selection as secretary-treasurer of the New York Associated Dailies, a position he has held for two years at this writing, and as a vice-president of the New York State Press Association.

Mr. Hall took a prominent part in the organization of the Jamestown Board of Commerce, was a member of its first board of directors, continuing so to serve for four years. In 1914, he was appointed a member of the Jamestown Board of Health, a position he has ever since held, and when in 1920 the taxpayers of the city voted to conduct a Municipal Milk Plant, Mr. Hall was appointed a member of the commission to erect and operate the plant. In the political campaign of 1916, Mr. Hall was chairman of the executive committee of the Hughes-Fairbanks Club of Jamestown. For about ten years Mr. Hall has been a trustee of the Chadakoin

Boat Club and was its treasurer for seven years. He has been president and trustee of the Jamestown High School Alumni Association. He is a member of Mt. Moriah Lodge, No. 145, Free and Accepted Masons; Western Sun Chapter, No. 67, Royal Arch Masons; Jamestown Council, No. 32, Royal and Select Masters; Jamestown Commandery, No. 61, Knights Templar; Ismailia Shrine of Buffalo; Jamestown Aerie, No. 816, Fraternal Order of Eagles; University Club, Moon Brook Country Club. He was the excellent high priest of Western Sun Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, in 1913. He was one of the organizers and a charter member of the Jamestown Rotary Club. He is a member of St. Luke's Protestant Episcopal Church.

Henri M. Hall, on June 30, 1914, married Jessie Phillips, the elder daughter of Brewer D. and Ida (Moss) Phillips, of Jamestown.

Levant Mason Hall, the second son of Frederick Perry and Lucy (Mason) Hall, was born at Jamestown, N. Y., Dec. 25, 1886. He was educated in the Jamestown public schools, from which he graduated as president of his class in 1905, and at Williams College, completing his course there for the A. B. degree in June, 1909. He entered the employ of the Journal Printing Company, Jamestown, N. Y., the same year, and is now secretary of the company and advertising manager of the newspaper. He is a member of Mt. Moriah Lodge, No. 145, Free and Accepted Masons, Western Sun Chapter, No. 67, Royal Arch Masons, Moon Brook Country Club. He is a member of St. Luke's Protestant Episcopal Church.

On Oct. 21, 1913, Mr. Hall married Mildred Griffin, the younger daughter of Frank A. Griffin, then of Pittsburgh, Pa., and now of Jamestown, N. Y.

Frederick Perry Hall, Jr., third son of Frederick Perry and Lucy (Mason) Hall, was born April 7, 1891, at Jamestown, N. Y. Completing his studies in the Jamestown public schools, from which he graduated in 1910, he entered Cornell University, where he took a mechanical engineering course, graduating with the class of 1914. He entered the employ of the Salisbury Axle Company, of Jamestown, where he is now the chief engineer. He is a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers, and of Crescent Lodge, No. 308, Knights of Pythias.

On June 27, 1916, Mr. Hall married Helen Thompson, the elder daughter of Samuel W. and Emily Thompson, of Jamestown, and to them have been born Helen Hayden, July 23, 1917, and Frederick Perry, third, Jan. 1, 1920.

**COMMODORE THEODORE EDWIN GRANDIN**—While American trade annals contain records of many men who have been architects of their own fortunes, there has been no record more creditable by reason of undaunted energy, well formulated plans and straightforward dealings than that of Theodore Edwin Grandin, in whose death Jamestown has sustained a loss which will be severely felt for many years. It is impossible to estimate at least during their lifetime the value to a community of such men as the late Theodore Edwin Grandin. The influence which they exert, ramifies

through all commercial, financial, and industrial life, extending itself to the entire social economy. Every man from the toiling laborer to the merchant prince receives benefit from them. Bold, aggressive, but cool and prudent, farseeing but exact, prompt to the moment in all his engagements, holding his verbal promise as an absolute obligation even in trifles. A natural negotiator, yet a more keen listener and a looker than a talker, at work early and late, always coming out right in practical results, he belongs to that class of distinctively American men who promote public progress in advancing individual prosperity, and whose private interests never preclude active participation in movements and measures which concern the general good. His entire life was devoted to the performance of the duties devolved through his associate business interests. He was justly ranked among the most useful citizens of Jamestown.

Theodore Edwin Grandin was born in Jamestown, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Aug. 9, 1844, a son of Daniel H. and Louisa (Waite) Grandin. Daniel Grandin, the founder of the family in America, was born in 1694, on the Isle of Jersey, and came to America when grown to manhood, locating in Monmouth county, N. J., where he made his home until the time of his demise. He married Mary Thowkmorton. They had a son, Samuel, who was born in Monmouth county, N. J., and died there in 1776. He married Susannah Johnson, by whom he had nine children: Daniel, John, Mary, Samuel, Sarah, Abigail, William, Susan, and Elizabeth.

John Grandin, son of Samuel and Susannah (Johnson) Grandin, was born in the town of Freehold, Monmouth county, N. J., and died in 1833. He married Catherine Hunt, a daughter of Thomas Hunt. They were the parents of the following children: Samuel, born in 1800, died in 1888; Anna Eliza, born in 1809, died in 1877; Daniel H., of whom further; Almira, born in 1816, died in 1844; Joseph Osborne, born in 1817, died in 1850; Clara, who married Peter Yost.

Daniel H. Grandin, son of John and Catherine (Hunt) Grandin, and father of Theodore E. Grandin, was born in Monmouth county, N. J., July 2, 1811. He was educated in his native town and there grew to manhood. He came to Pleasantville, Pa., and there located with his brother Samuel. With him he became the owner of a large tract of land. He remained here only a short time, then moved to Jamestown, N. Y., and formed a partnership with Daniel Hazeltine, and with him became engaged in the wool manufacturing business, continuing in this for some years. Later, under the firm name of Allen & Grandin, their place of business was situated at Brooklyn Square, the name now being Roosevelt Square, where the new Gifford building stands. In this occupation he was very successful, becoming the owner of several buildings. Later they took Jerome Preston into the partnership, and the firm name was changed to Allen, Grandin & Preston, wool manufacturers. Later Mr. Grandin owned the Old Stone Mill which was located on East First street, and there engaged in the feed and flour business for some years, continuing so engaged up to the time of his death, which occurred Sept. 2, 1893. His remains are buried in Lakeview Cemetery. He married, in February, 1839, at Middleburg, N. Y., Louisa B. Waite, born there, a daughter of John Waite. Her death occurred May 15, 1890, in Jamestown, N. Y.





J. E. Grandin





To this union were born six children: 1. Olive Cerelle, married John W. Weller, and they were the parents of three children: John Grandin, died in manhood; Mary Louise, secretary of the Associated Charities in Jamestown, N. Y.; Georgianna, married Edward Stevens, merchant of Fredonia, N. Y. 2. Isabella, married A. Brooks Fletcher; both deceased. 4. Theodore E., of whom further. 5. Samuel Sherwood, resides in Westfield, N. Y. 6. Clarence Merritt, died in June, 1917, in Buffalo.

Theodore Edwin Grandin, whose name is the caption of this article, received his early education in the Jamestown public schools, and after being prepared there for college entered the Clinton Liberal Institute, of Clinton, N. Y. Upon concluding his studies at the institute and returning home, Mr. Grandin entered the Grandin Grist Mills, which his father had conducted for many years. Later he accepted a position as salesman in the dry goods store of Andrews & Preston, of Jamestown. He remained with this firm some time, then became an operator in the oil fields of Warren county, Pa. After returning to Jamestown he became interested in steamboating, and it was not long before he was one of the most prominent captains of Chautauqua Lake. He owned and commanded the first steamer, "Jamestown," on Chautauqua Lake. In time he became the superintendent of The Red Stack, one of the principal lines of steamboats on the lake, and on account of his reputation as a commander of steamboats he was known throughout the remainder of his life as Commodore Grandin.

Commodore Grandin took an active interest in athletics and boating, as the quoted newspaper article will show:

#### OLD TIME BOAT RACE RECENTLY RECALLED.

Captain T. E. Grandin rowed against time from Mayville to Jamestown. Picture of Athlete.

The Regatta against time heretofore mentioned took place last Friday. Theo. E. Grandin, Lewis Smith, and A. F. Kent left Mayville at 5 P. M. and three minutes before 8 reached the boat landing at Jamestown. 22 miles in 2:57. This showing is considered by all judges as a great feat.

Back in 1868, on the 30th day of June, Captain Theodore E. Grandin raced against time from Mayville dock on Chautauqua Lake to Jamestown steamer dock on the Chadakoin, a distance of 21 miles in a row boat.

Captain Grandin was a young athlete in those days and a skilled oarsman.

He accomplished the stunt in his skiff named "Rob Roy" in just 3 hours, 9 minutes, and 30 seconds.

The race is called to mind by an excellent photograph taken of Captain Grandin in his skiff at the close of the race. It has been presented to E. A. Brooks and in a handsome frame occupies a conspicuous position in one of the windows at the store of the Brooks News Company. Captain Grandin has hanged much since the picture was made, but acquaintances say that the picture "looks just as 'Ted' did in those bygone days."

In 1897 Mr. Grandin retired from the navigation business, and engaged with his son in the operation of the Old Stone Mill, which had been conducted by his father or many years. On account of his health, however, he could not continue in this occupation, and in 1897 he retired from business life altogether. He died at his home on Allen street, Jamestown, N. Y., Oct. 23, 1905, and is buried in Lakeview Cemetery, Jamestown.

Mr. Grandin married, Nov. 5, 1873, in Jamestown, N. Y., Belle Emily Carpenter, born Feb. 20, 1851, a daughter of Col. Elial F. Carpenter, whose biographical record follows. They were the parents of three children.

Frances Eileen, who died in infancy; Julia Norwood, who died in childhood; and Daniel H., of whom further.

Daniel H. Grandin, only son of Commodore Theodore Edwin and Belle Emily (Carpenter) Grandin, was born in Jamestown, Nov. 25, 1875. He received his education in the public schools of Jamestown, and after laying aside his text-books became associated with his father in the operation of the Old Stone Mill. On account of his father's ill health, Mr. Grandin took care of the active part of the work, but upon the death of his father, he assumed full charge of the business. The mill was destroyed by fire in 1913, and in the same year he built another, which was located in Falconer, N. Y. This mill is one of the best of its kind, having been installed with all the new improved machines. It is operated under Mr. Grandin's supervision, and is one of the most successful mills in Chautauqua county. Daniel H. Grandin married Martha Townsend Griswold, a daughter of the late Daniel and Mather (Townsend) Griswold. They were the parents of two children: Daniel Griswold and John.

Commodore Grandin was a member of the various Masonic bodies, including Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 145; Western Sun Chapter, No. 65, Royal Arch Masons; Jamestown Council, No. 32, Royal and Select Masters; and Jamestown Commandery, No. 61, Knights Templar. In political affiliation Mr. Grandin is a staunch Democrat, though in local affairs he voted for the men and measures that were for the best interest of all the people.

Mr. Grandin's entire life had been spent in Jamestown, and those who knew him—and his friends were many—entertained for him the warmest regard. Of large and liberal views in all matters of business, full of enterprise, and believing much in courage and perseverance, he could always be found in the van of every movement looking for the accomplishment of real and practical good. Of extensive acquaintance and very popular socially, charitable to an extent altogether disproportionate to his means, unostentatious in everything, one of the truest men to his friends that ever lived, and one of the most lenient to his adversaries after the combat was over, he was a man of whom any community might be proud. While in his business career he had passed on to a position of wealth and prominence, he had never neglected the opportunity to assist a fellow-traveler upon his way, his hand being often down reaching to aid one to whom nature, fate or environment had seemed less kindly. His life had, in a large measure, been an exemplification of his belief in the brotherhood of mankind. He never allowed questionable methods to form a part of his business career, while over the record of his entire life there falls no shadow of wrong or suspicion of evil. Kindliness and appreciation of the good traits of others had constituted salient features in his career, and his life illustrates the fact of the Emersonian philosophy that to have friends you must be one. When he passed to a better world he left to his son and his children the priceless heritage of an untarnished name.

**WILLIAM CARPENTER, JR.**, late of Jamestown, Chautauqua county, N. Y., where his death occurred Jan. 28, 1864, and where for many years he was one of the most respected and influential citizens, was a native of the city where he resided so long, the date of

his birth being Sept. 7, 1822. He was a son of William Carpenter, Sr., a native of England, who was a victim of one of the press gang crews of those days, and at the age of fourteen was seized and placed upon a British man-of-war and forced into service. Among many adventures that befell him in that service was the final one that brought him to this country and made him a citizen here. The vessel upon which he was an unwilling hand was cruising in American waters, and at one time, when off the coast of Maine, young Mr. Carpenter was sent ashore to cut grass for the ship's goat. He went ostensibly upon his quest, but never returned, disappearing into the interior. For a time he lived in Maine, occupied with such work as he could find, and eventually came to Chautauqua county, N. Y., and there located at Dexterville among the earliest settlers of the place. His experience at sea led him to seek employment on the great inland waters of this region, and he was occupied for a time as a master of the rafts that were floated down the river to various points. He also drove the first stage that ran between Mayville and Jamestown. He eventually became himself interested in the lumber business and operated along the Allegheny river, and he was one of the builders and later the commander for some time of the first steamboat to sail the waters of Lake Chautauqua. The elder Mr. Carpenter was a very religious man and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and about middle age became greatly interested in the cause of temperance, he and his wife touring Western New York and Pennsylvania, delivering addresses upon the subject and arousing great interest wherever they went. While yet living in Maine, before coming to Chautauqua county, he married Nancy Blake, by whom he had twelve children, one of his sons being Col. Elial Foote Carpenter, a sketch of whom follows, and another William Carpenter, Jr., of this sketch. His death occurred in 1869, while on a visit to his daughter at Oil City, Pa.

The childhood of William Carpenter, Jr., was passed in his native city of Jamestown, and it was there that he received his somewhat meagre educational advantages, though with the customary ambition and industry of the lads of the period, he made the most of his opportunities. He began work at a very early age, and for years was employed in the lumber industry in this region, which was then at the height of its development. He also spent some time during his early youth on a plantation in Kentucky, where he occupied a position as a sort of superintendent and had many negro laborers under his direction. Upon returning to Jamestown, he began work in the axe factory of his brother-in-law, Charles L. Jeffords, the well known manufacturer of edge tools of Jamestown, and while there was mortally injured by the bursting of an emery wheel, from the effects of which he died twenty-two hours later. Like his father, Mr. Carpenter was a deeply religious man and a member of the Methodist church, and his death was a truly Christian one. It was shortly after his marriage that he became converted through the preaching of the Rev. Mr. Peat, and from that time to the close of his life he remained a devoted member of the church. In politics Mr. Carpenter was a Whig, and although he was keenly interested in local affairs and fulfilled all his duties as a good citizen, never was ambitious for political office and confined his activi-

ties to his private affairs. He was an affectionate husband and father, and his personal relations with his family and neighbors were above reproach in all particulars.

William Carpenter was united in marriage, March 10, 1846, at Jamestown, with Sybbel M. Jeffords, a native of Mayville, Chautauqua county, N. Y., a daughter of John and Phebe (Wood) Jeffords and sister of the late Charles L. Jeffords, the axe manufacturer. Mrs. Carpenter survives her husband, and is one of the best known and loved women of Jamestown, where she is popularly known as "The Grand Old Woman of Jamestown." In spite of her age, having recently passed her ninety-fourth birthday, when many friends called to offer their congratulations, she is enjoying good health and her faculties are not greatly impaired. She still takes a deep interest in the affairs of the community, as she has always done. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Jamestown, and is a practical Christian, putting into her everyday conduct the precepts of her religion in a degree seldom seen, and performs her duties with a cheerfulness and zeal which are a part of the highest Christian life. She has been particularly devoted to her children's welfare, and has reared them all to be Christian men and women. To Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter six children were born, as follows: 1. Charles Franklin, who was killed at the age of five years in an accident. 2. Elial Foote, mentioned below. 3. Phebe Wood, who died March 9, 1908, was the wife of Nicholas U. Hiller, deceased, and to this union were born two children: Clyde and Elizabeth. 4. Mary Ida, who became the wife of Alexander Hiller. 5. Charles Jeffords, mentioned elsewhere in the work. 6. Julia W., who became the wife of Bartie R. Hiller, who was the American Express Company's agent for upwards of thirty years, and died in Jamestown, April 18, 1912, his remains interred in Lakeview Cemetery; they were the parents of one child, Richard Carpenter Hiller, who is now employed with the Erie railroad at Corry, Pa.

Elial Foote Carpenter, second son of William and Sybbel M. (Jeffords) Carpenter, was born in Westfield, N. Y., Oct. 6, 1849, and was educated at the Jamestown public schools. He was but fourteen years of age when his father met his death in an accident, and the circumstance forced him to give up his studies and go to work at a very early age. He secured a position in his uncle's axe factory, where his father had worked before him, and there learned the craft of axe making. After a time spent in that establishment, he withdrew from it and started in the same business on his own account. He met with success from the outset, and in 1881 organized the Jamestown Axe and Edge Tool Company in association with his elder brother, Charles J. Carpenter and John Koford. He was himself the most active partner and worked with the greatest industry towards its development up to the time of his death, which occurred July 3, 1887, in the prime of his young manhood. Besides his business activities, he was prominent in public affairs in the city and for four years served on the Jamestown Board of Aldermen, being at the time the youngest man on that body. He was a member of the Unitarian church and was a good Christian man who enjoyed the respect and esteem of all his fellow-citizens. He was a member of Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 145, Ancient Free and





*Elisha Fote Carpenter*



Accepted Masons; Royal Arch Masons; Royal and Select Masters; and Knights Templar.

Mr. Carpenter married, Oct. 10, 1879, at Jamestown, Florence R. Dawley, daughter of Samuel B. and Lucy Jane (Cook) Dawley, who survives him, and by whom he had two children, Clara F. and Ethel H., the latter becoming the wife of David C. Ward. Mr. Carpenter was always especially devoted to his mother, who tenderly cared for him from childhood to manhood and whom he held in the highest honor and consideration and consulted upon every important move in his career before undertaking it. Nothing could more conspicuously illustrate the depth of his love and respect for his mother, or throw a clearer light on the manner of man that he was than the following letter, written shortly before his death, which will form a fitting conclusion to this brief sketch:

Griswold House, Detroit, Michigan.  
October 17, 1884.

My dear Mother:—

The matter of writing you has been constantly before me, still have been obliged to defer the pleasant duty until the present moment, it being the first favorable opportunity that has presented itself, and, although it may not reach you until my arrival, believe, however, it will be none the less acceptable. Knowing the deep interest, anxiety and kind regard which you possess for your children's welfare, prompted by the pure, sincere and unflinching love of the self-sacrificing mother, which is my privilege and honor to possess and for which I will never cease to be grateful. Its influence has directed all my business transactions in the direction of honesty and integrity. Surrounded as we all are with temptations, and at times debating in our minds whether it is best or proper to do this thing or that, apply the test of mother's approval or disapproval, be guided by it, and we will at all times be found in the proper place, our conduct such as will raise us in the estimation of the people, strengthen our self-respect, and above all leave us with the pleasant reflection of having done right.

So far this trip has been exceptional in one respect, that of affording me an opportunity to see and hear some of the noted men of the day. Have had the pleasure of shaking hands with both James G. Blaine and General Logan, the former at Saginaw last night and the latter at Cincinnati Saturday night. The prominent positions which these men occupy ought to act as a strong incentive to every man, beginning as they did at the bottom of the ladder. In regard to business it is extremely dull, but the general opinion is that it will revive a trifle after the November election. Have had some good promises made me in regard to trade for next season and hope in the near future that it will turn out to have been one of the most profitable trips I have made. I know, dear Mother, I have your prayer and best wishes for success, and it strengthens and stimulates me to put forth every effort. We are gaining steadily step by step and are doing better than a great many in our line. Give my love to all. Say to brother Charlie that I offer an apology for not writing to him, but my time has been closely occupied and that he will take the will for the deed and a promise to do better in the future.

There are many things I wish to say to you but will forbear with the exception of this one statement. I fully realize our position and that our success depends entirely upon ourselves, for we have as good a start as any young men could have who haven't money. Of course competition is sharp, but nothing worth having in this world comes without an effort; if we would wear the crown we must bear the cross. I know we can succeed in building up a large and profitable business, and to that end let us put forth every effort and, dear mother, may we all be spared to see your wishes and ambition gratified, in that of seeing your two sons honorable and respected men and their efforts crowned with success in establishing with their own hands a large and profitable business.

With best wishes and kindest regards to all, I am  
your affectionate son,  
(signed) ELIAL.

#### COLONEL ELIAL FOOTE CARPENTER—

There are men whose memories are always green in the minds of those who knew them; whose personalities are

so vivid that the recollection of them is fadeless; men of whom we cannot say, "They are dead," because their life still throbs in the hearts that loved them. To this class of men belonged Col. Elial Foote Carpenter, for many years prominent in the commercial and social circles of the city of Jamestown and State of New York, and who still lives as one of the signal men in our county's history whose name and record can never be forgotten by the people of Chautauqua county.

Col. Elial Foote Carpenter was born in Jamestown, May 8, 1826, the third son of William and Nancy (Blake) Carpenter. He was reared in Jamestown and educated in her public schools, and soon after leaving school went on a visit to one of his sisters who resided in Kentucky. Here he passed two years as manager of a large tobacco plantation, but the cruel and inhuman treatment expected by his employer to be shown to the slaves was more than his nature could bear, and although offered large pay he resigned his position and returned to Jamestown, where he engaged in the lumber business, buying along the Allegheny river and its tributaries, and rafting to Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and Louisville. He subsequently became engaged in the manufacturing of axes at Jamestown, and the breaking out of the war found him in the oil fields of Pennsylvania.

Harkening to his country's call to arms, he laid aside his pursuits as a private citizen and enlisted, Aug. 16, 1861, in the 49th Regiment, New York Volunteers, and upon the organization of the regiment was elected second lieutenant of Company K. In April, 1862, he was promoted to first lieutenant. He participated in the battles of the Peninsular campaign under Gen. McClellan. Upon the organization of the 112th Regiment it was decided that its staff officers should be men of tried ability and military experience. Lieut. Carpenter was transferred from the 49th to the 112th Regiment, made major, and was soon after promoted to be lieutenant-colonel of the regiment, and for some time prior to his death was in active command. The first battle in which this regiment was engaged occurred on Friday, Jan. 30, 1863, near Suffolk, Va. From this time Col. Carpenter was at the front almost constantly with his regiment, with the exception of four months passed in recruiting service, and the hardships endured, the heroic achievements of the 112th, and the important duties they performed is part of the history of that ever memorable struggle. After the transfer of his regiment to the Army of the James, Col. Carpenter was in constant command. At the battle of Drewry's Bluff, near Bermuda Hundred, his regiment was ordered to the right wing of the army to support Gen. Heckman, who was in desperate straits. This was between four and five o'clock in the morning, and a thick fog so obscured the vision that they had to grope their way. When they arrived at the place where Gen. Heckman's troops should have been, not finding them, Col. Carpenter sent Lieut. Hedges forward to reconnoiter; he soon fell into the hands of the rebels. As he did not return, Col. Carpenter, anxious about his fate, putting spurs to his horse, rode forward to see what had become of him. The fog was so thick that it was impossible to see objects clearly, but all at once Col. Carpenter found himself within the lines of a rebel brigade, who rose up on all sides of him and demanded his surrender. Instead of surrendering, he wheeled his horse

and retreated, at the same time ordering his men to fall back. He was followed by a perfect shower of bullets, one of which struck him in the side, passing through his lungs, but he was saved from capture by his horse, which bore him to the rear. He received all the care and attention it was possible to bestow upon him, but in vain; the wound was fatal, and on the morning of May 18, 1864, two days after he had received his death wound, his spirit passed away from earth at a farm house where he had been carried by his devoted followers.

On July 3, 1848, he married Julia A. Jeffords, a daughter of John and Phoebe (Wood) Jeffords. To Col. and Mrs. Carpenter were born three children: 1. Belle E., wife of Theodore E. Grandin, whose biographical record precedes this. 2. Franc C., who married (first) Henry Charles Blanchard, and (second) Frederick A. Brightman. (See following sketches). 3. Addie J., who married W. P. Frink.

In religious affiliation, Col. Carpenter was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and was a sincere Christian. Politically he was a Republican, but never cared for office. Col. Elial Foote Carpenter was endowed with those qualities which naturally constitute men leaders, and by sturdy observation and careful examination, and application of principles he greatly overcame all the disadvantages which he confronted, and made his life useful and honorable, and his death universally mourned and regretted. This is a splendid ideal. For years, to the best of his ability and according to the light God gave him, Col. Carpenter tried to follow it. Will men say as much of the rest of us when we lay down our burdens? And, if they should, should we not gladly admit that he was one of the first to follow it, and by the fame he won and the example he set put us on the way?

**HENRY CHARLES BLANCHARD**—The Blanchard family herein reviewed came to Western New York from the State of New Hampshire about 1824, and arrived in the town of Ellicott, Chautauqua county, ten years later. Amos Blanchard, the founder, was born in Antrim, N. H., in 1799, died June 16, 1891, at his farm in Ellicott. Upon coming to Western New York in 1824, he settled in Erie county, at Aurora, there residing until 1834, when he moved to Chautauqua county, purchasing a large farm in the town of Ellicott, and for over half a century devoted himself to its improvement and cultivation. He was a Democrat in politics, and an official member of the First Presbyterian Church of Jamestown. He married Eunice Flint and they were the parents of seven sons and a daughter. Amos Blanchard was a son of Caleb Blanchard, also born in the "Granite State," in the village of Antrim, where his life was passed as farmer and merchant. Amos Blanchard lived to the great age of ninety-two years, and of these years sixty-seven were spent in Western New York, fifty-seven being spent in the town of Ellicott.

Henry Charles Blanchard, son of Amos and Eunice (Flint) Blanchard, was born in Aurora, Erie county, N. Y., Jan. 12, 1830, died Aug. 27, 1881, in Jamestown, and is buried in Lakeview Cemetery. He studied medicine under Dr. Gray, of Jamestown, and later entered Dartmouth College, whence he was graduated. After receiving his degree he began practice at Aurora, N. Y., but not long afterwards located in Buffalo, N. Y., where

he successfully practiced his profession for twenty years. He then returned to Jamestown, opening an office at No. 210 West Third street, his residence being on Chandler street. He became a well known, influential citizen of Jamestown and was regarded as a skilled and successful physician.

During the Civil War, Dr. Blanchard offered his services to the government and served with distinction as a surgeon, attaining the rank of lieutenant-colonel and later colonel of his regiment, the 78th New York. During the war he served his country in many hard-fought battles, and in one of the battles toward the end of the war he was wounded; later received his honorable discharge from the service. He was a Democrat in politics, and a Presbyterian in religion. Among his professional brethren and friends, his standing was high, his intellectual attainments and ability as a physician being recognized, and as a soldier he was one of the bravest of the brave.

Col. Blanchard married (first) Caroline Lamson, of Detroit, who died a year after her marriage. He married (second) in June, 1880, at Jamestown, Franc C. Carpenter, daughter of Col. Elial Foote Carpenter, and sister of Mrs. Belle Grandin and Mrs. W. P. Frink, of Jamestown. Col. Elial Foote Carpenter was lieutenant-colonel of the 112th Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry, and at the battle of Proctor's Creek was mortally wounded and died the following night, May 8, 1864. Col. and Mrs. Blanchard were the parents of Henry Charles (2), of whom further.

Henry Charles (2) Blanchard was born in Jamestown, N. Y., July 4, 1881, died in Paris, Okla., Sept. 1, 1913. He completed public school courses of study with graduation from Jamestown High School, and entered Hobart College, whence he was graduated with honors. Deciding upon his profession, he entered Rensselaer Polytechnic School, Troy, N. Y., whence he was graduated C. E. For eight years after graduation he was engaged in professional work in Jamestown in connection with the city engineering department. During a part of that period he was engaged in the survey of the railway between Jamestown, N. Y., and Warren, Pa. He was also engaged on the survey for the steamboat landings in the city and along the lake. He closed his work in Jamestown and went West, being for a time in Coffeyville, Kan., going thence to Fort Smith in 1907, then accepting a position as assistant to the city engineer in charge of street paving. Two years later (1909) he accepted the call of the city engineer of Hugo, Okla., and there continued until his passing away.

In Hugo, Mr. Blanchard with Hiram Phillips, a consulting engineer of St. Louis, laid the broad plan of the city's splendid water works system, and it is due to Mr. Blanchard's untiring activity, his tact and ability, that the city has its water plant, for opposition was strong and at times only his coolness and wise counsel prevented an overthrow of all his plans. The plant was finally completed at a cost of \$265,000. He also built for Hugo a \$75,000 sewer system, and seven miles of paved streets, costing \$200,000, making Hugo the best paved city in Oklahoma. This completed his life work, but in Hugo these public works stand as monuments to his ability and faithfulness. He was ill but a few weeks; an operation becoming necessary, he was taken to the Aiken Hos-





*H. C. Blanchard U.S.*





H.B. Blanchard





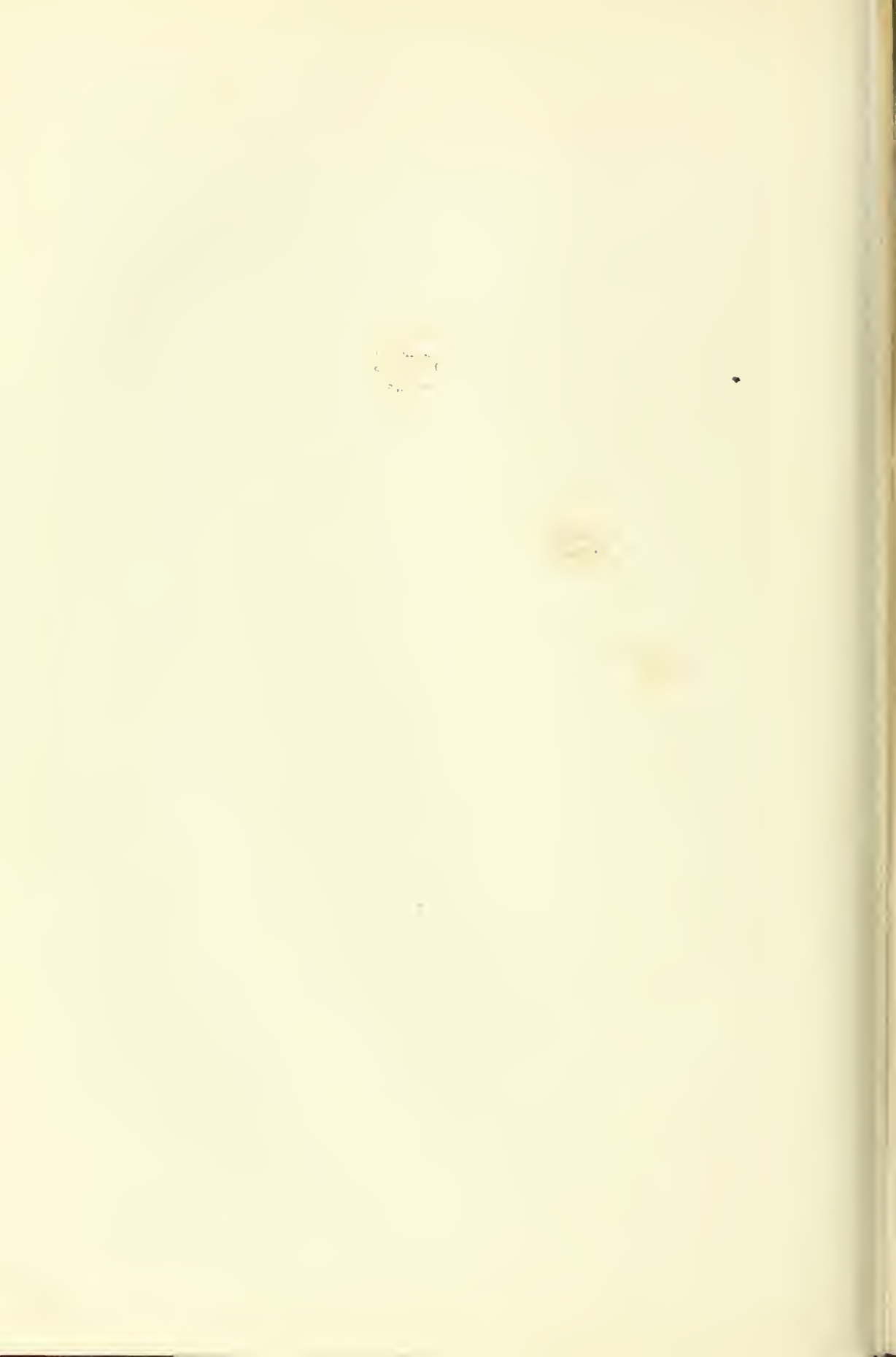


*Marvin J. Everett*





*Viola D. Everett*



pital in Paris, Okla., and there died. He was brought to Jamestown and laid at rest in Lakeview Cemetery. He was a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and the Free and Accepted Masons.

Col. Blanchard (as he was always called) married, in April, 1910, Helen Reinbold, at her home in Wichita, Kan. They were the parents of two children, Helen and Jane. Said the Hugo "Daily Husonian:"

Should a stranger have asked in Hugo what man is best beloved by his friends the answer would have been "Colonel" Blanchard. With his sunny smile, his cheerful greeting, a meeting with him on the street was like a ray of sunshine. Open and above board in all his dealings the respect of all was his, faithful and true to his task, giving his all to his work, admiration of the man's character was involuntary. A faithful husband, a loving son, a devoted father, in his home life he was an example to be followed.

Mr. Blanchard's mother, Mrs. Frederick A. Brightman, of Jamestown, N. Y., was with her son at the last, and with her daughter-in-law brought his body to Jamestown for burial.

Mrs. Franc C. (Carpenter) Blanchard, widow of Col. Henry C. Blanchard, M. D., survived her husband and married (second) June 23, 1900, in Jamestown, N. Y., Frederick Allen Brightman, born in Clymer, Chautauqua county, N. Y., son of Joseph and Priscilla (Allen) Brightman.

**FREDERICK A. BRIGHTMAN** was educated in the public schools of Panama, Chautauqua county, N. Y., at Fredonia State Normal School, and Albany Law School. He taught school in Chautauqua county for several years after graduation from "Normal." He then began the study of law under the preceptorship of Walter Lorán Sessions, an eminent Chautauquan, then practicing in Panama. After his admission to the New York bar, he began practice in Panama as a partner with Mr. Sessions under the firm name Sessions & Brightman. Later, when Mr. Brightman located in Jamestown, he practiced his profession with A. C. Pickard as partner and later with D. D. Dorns. Finally Mr. Brightman abandoned the practice of law, and for seventeen years was connected with the Art Metal Construction Company of Jamestown. He is now and for several years has been associated with the American Express Company in Jamestown. He is a Republican in politics, a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

**MARVIN N. EVERETT**—The name Everett is derived, according to two noted authorities on English nomenclature, Bardsley and Harrison, from old English, French and Teutonic word forms, the former translating them as boar plus brave, the latter as boar plus counsel. The name was originally doubtless a descriptive title designating its bearer as the possessor of staunch, aggressive courage or keen sagacity. The first form was Everard, the next change Evered, and then the final "d" was sharpened into "t" in Everett. A distinguished record in civil, military, and religious callings has been written in the family name in England, and its American history dates from 1636, when Richard Everett founded a numerous progeny in New England. The

Everett family herein mentioned, however, records its first annals in this country at a later period, through John Everett, though its origin traces back to the same common ancestor in England.

Arms—Gules, a chevron paly of eight or and azure, between three mullets argent; a bordure wavy of the second.

Crest—A griffin's head sable erased gules charged with three barrulets, that in the middle argent, the other two or, over all a pallet wavy ermine.

Motto—*Festina lente.*

(I) The first generation of this line of the Everett family of whom there is record extant was a Rev. Everett, a Presbyterian minister of England, who remained in that country all of his life. The name of John is a tradition in the family, and it is probable that this was the name he bore. He was the father of an only child, John Everett, the immigrant ancestor, who came to this country about 1770.

(II) John Everett, founder of his line in America, was a young man of venturesome spirit and independent nature and did not come kindly under the strong religious discipline of his father, the Rev. Everett. Consequently, in early young manhood, he came to America with two other youths of his own age, arriving in New York about 1770. He followed the Hudson river northward, and settled in Saratoga county, N. Y., this being the first definite location of this branch of the Everett family in America. According to family history, he was a Revolutionary soldier, and fought in the American army in battles and campaigns in the neighborhood of his home. Records show that John Everett is listed as a private in Col. Malcom's regiment and in the Third Regiment of Orange County Militia during the Revolutionary War. John Everett married, and had two sons: John, of whom further; and Daniel.

(III) John (2) Everett, son of John (1) Everett, the immigrant ancestor, was born about 1795, in Saratoga county, N. Y. He became a manufacturer of measures, and his products were periodically shipped down the Hudson river to New York City, where they were sold in the open market. He was the owner of a substantial business, and acquired title to considerable land in Saratoga county; two parcels were deeded to him in 1820 and 1836. He remained in Saratoga county many years, then moved to Fulton county, N. Y., locating at Cranberry Creek, where he died at the age of fifty-five years.

Mr. Everett married, in Saratoga county, N. Y., about 1822-23, Elizabeth Walker, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y. The first pioneer families of Dutchess county, N. Y., included the Walker family, the members of which were well known and highly respected. Elizabeth (Walker) Everett was a devout Christian, finding in religious work and belief the inspiration for a life that, at its best, lacked many of the comforts and pleasures of the present day. To her family she was devotion itself, and to them she transmitted her many excellent qualities of mind and heart, a strong intellectuality, a love of literature, and reverence for the word of God. She was an ideal homemaker, spun the family garments, and performed much of the work of the house herself, making it a place where her family, relatives and their friends, loved to gather. She died in 1881, at Falconer, N. Y., where she had come in later years with her children. John and Elizabeth (Walker) Everett were the

parents of eight children, as follows: 1. John, of whom further. 2. Marvin N., of whom further. 3. Benjamin, died at the age of seventeen years. 4. Nelson, died at the age of fifteen years. 5. Miranda, died at the age of eighteen years. 6. Washington, married Mary Adams; he was a farmer by occupation, and also was a Civil War veteran. 7. William, died at the age of twenty-one years. 8. Melvin, a carpenter by trade, and the only surviving member of the family; he resides at Falconer, N. Y., and is unmarried.

(IV) John (3) Everett, son of John (2) and Elizabeth (Walker) Everett, was born in Saratoga county, N. Y., Feb. 18, 1825. He worked at home with his father, like his brother, Marvin N., and when a young man removed to Chautauqua county, N. Y. He became a builder of flat boats, in association with his brother, Marvin N., on which they shipped various cargoes down the Allegheny river to the Ohio river, thence to Pittsburgh, Pa., where their products were sold in the market. He prospered in this enterprise, and later became a manufacturer of sash and doors, and one of the most prominent citizens of Falconer, N. Y.

Mr. Everett married Elizabeth Yaw, and to them were born the following children: Martha F., who became the wife of Jackson C. Meridith, a business man of Jamestown; Walter R., whose sketch follows; John, Jr., married Jennie Young, by whom he had three children.

(IV) Marvin N. Everett, son of John (2) and Elizabeth (Walker) Everett, was born at Maxon Hill, Saratoga county, N. Y., March 24, 1828, and died in Jamestown, N. Y., Feb. 4, 1909, aged eighty years, eleven months and twenty days, and was buried in Lakeview Cemetery. His youth was passed in Saratoga county, in association with his father, who was a manufacturer of measures. In 1850, at the age of twenty-two years, the young man left home and made his way westward, finally locating at Worksburg, now Falconer, Chautauqua county, N. Y. There, with his brother John he engaged in the building of flat boats, which they loaded with produce and sent down the Allegheny river to Pittsburgh. In 1854 he sold his business interests at Falconer to his brother, and spent the following six years in the State of California, as a millwright in Sacramento, and later located in Trinity county, where he became a successful gold miner. In 1860 he returned to Chautauqua county, N. Y., and bought a large farm in the town of Gerry, which he owned and conducted for five years. In 1866 he married, and later went West on account of his wife's health, locating in Kansas. There Mr. Everett bought considerable land, and also engaged in the brokerage business in Minneapolis, Kan. After spending two years in Kansas, he again returned to Chautauqua county, locating in the town of Gerry.

After the death of his wife he made his home in Falconer, where he married again, in 1875, and in 1881 built a fine residence in Falconer, which he occupied until 1895, then moved to Jamestown. In 1887 Mr. Everett drew plans and built the Hotel Everett on West First street, Jamestown, at a cost of \$50,000. This was a substantial building of brick and stone, five stories in height, well appointed, and one of the leading hotels in its day. He continued owner of the hotel until 1892, when he sold it and retired from active business.

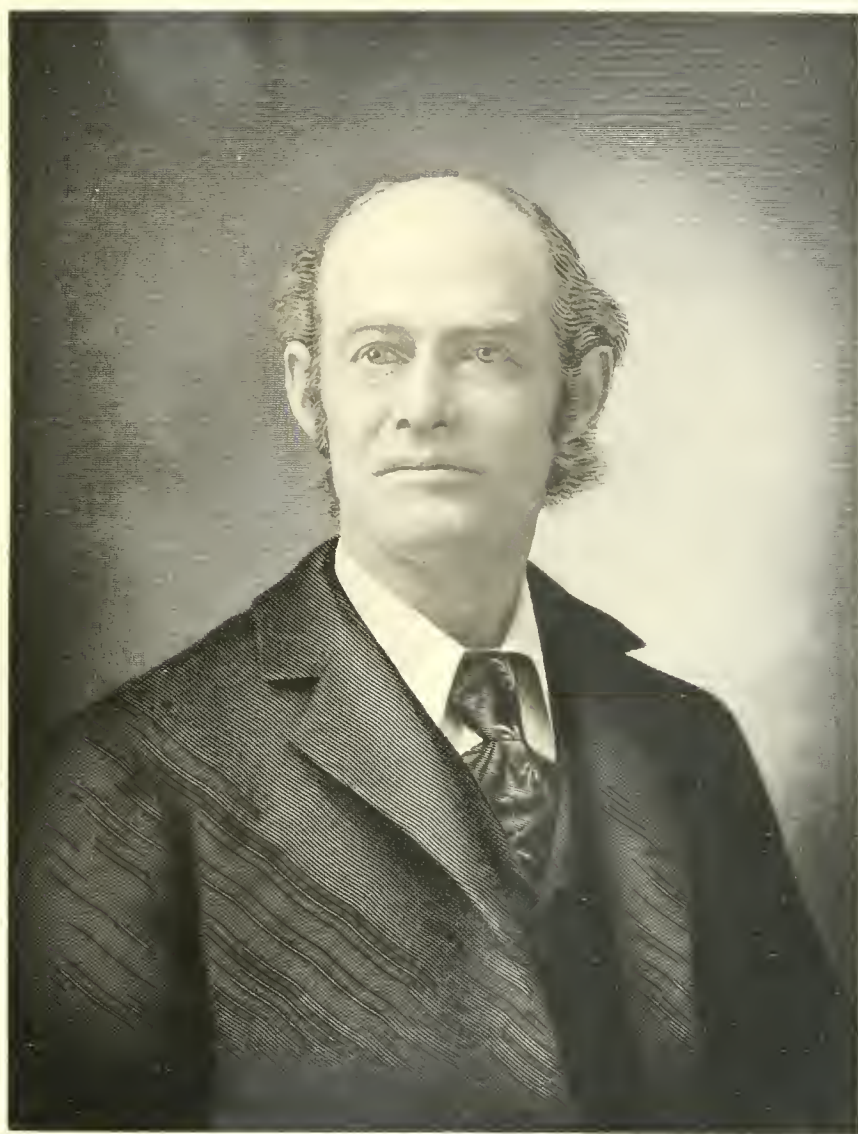
Mr. Everett was very fond of mechanical work, a genius in many ways, fond of scientific studies, and a

constant reader. He also at one time had quite an extensive apiary, and was deeply interested in bee culture to which he devoted much time and study. Strictly temperate himself, he strongly advocated the cause of temperance in the most pronounced way, and to his interest and generosity the building of the First Methodist Church of Falconer is due. The beautiful house on Main street, Falconer, was sold by Mr. Everett in 1895, and a residence established at No. 105 West Second street, Jamestown, where he resided until his death. He was a Republican in politics, and strictly adhered to the policies of his party. He was ever interested in the welfare of the community and gave much of his time and material assistance to public-spirited movements.

Mr. Everett married (first) June 23, 1866, Emily J. Perry, daughter of Ebenezer and Susan (Coil) Perry. He married (second) March 3, 1875, Viola D. Oburg, daughter of Oscar and Bebe (Wellman) Oburg, of Ashville, Chautauqua county, N. Y. Mrs. Everett survives her husband, a woman of forceful character, business ability, and womanly virtues. She was always a true partner and helpmate, and of real assistance to her husband in his business undertakings. When his health failed she assumed the management of the Hotel Everett and so continued until that property was sold. In 1908 she occupied the Marvin House of twenty-one rooms, and in 1909 she bought the property from the heirs of the Isabelle Marvin estate and has since operated it with success. She also built, adjoining the Marvin House, a three-story brick block, the first story now occupied by the American Railway Express Company and the Williamson Veneer Company. The upper stories constitute the Lawrence Hotel. In addition to these properties, Mrs. Everett is the owner of other valuable real estate in Jamestown, where she is known and recognized as a woman of rare executive ability. She is of deeply charitable impulse, and interested in all public movements for the good of her community. She has a host of friends and is highly esteemed. Mr. and Mrs. Everett were without children.

(V) Walter R. Everitt, son of John (3) and Elizabeth (Yaw) Everett, the former spelling his name "Everitt" and the latter "Everett," was born March 16, 1855, in Falconer, Chautauqua county, N. Y. He was educated in the common schools in Falconer and Jamestown High School. At the age of twenty years he went to the State of Kansas, remaining for a year on account of poor health, then returned East, going to Bradford, Pa., where he engaged in the wagon manufacturing business with a Mr. Larson. In those days there were no pipe lines to convey the crude oil found in the oil fields about Bradford and wagon making was an allied industry, thus the wagons made by Mr. Everitt were used to transport oil to market. A few years were spent here and then he returned to his native town, Falconer, where he assumed the management of the affairs of his father's estate. In 1887 he built a large warehouse and grist mill in Falconer and took in as a partner, Wellington Warner. After Mr. Warner's death in 1899, Mr. Everitt sold the mill and retired from active business life. He lived retired in Falconer until the latter part of 1905, when he went to San Diego, Cal., to benefit his health, remaining a year and a half; he then came East to look after some of his interests. He left Falconer a second time for California and his health





Walter R. Everett







Oscar Oburg





*Bebe Oberg*



was seemingly improved by travel and change of climate; in 1908 he became connected with a biological station at La Jolla in a minor position. This station has since become the Scripps Institution for Biological Research of the University of California. Here Mr. Everitt acquired much knowledge, training and experience in the study of biology, his duties at La Jolla being to collect and care for molluscs, fish and various other marine animals. In the course of time it was recommended by Dr. Ritter, who was director of the station, that Mr. Everitt be transferred to the University at Berkeley. The recommendation was accepted by the faculty and subsequently he was with the department of zoology for several years. During his residence in California he made a large personal collection of things pertaining to biology and one of the finest assortments of sea shells known in this country. The shells are now being prepared and will be presented presently to the University of California as the Walter R. Everitt collection. In 1911 he returned a third time to Falconer and remained eight years, until Nov. 30, 1919, when most of his interests were settled. He then decided to go to La Jolla, Cal., established a home and spend the remainder of his life. His health was apparently good and improved from its condition in earlier life, and his sudden death from heart trouble came as a great shock to his wife, relatives and friends, Sept. 30, 1920, and later he was laid at rest in Pine Hill Cemetery, Falconer, N. Y.

Mr. Everitt was a man of retired nature and did not indulge in fraternal or club life, being a great lover of his home. His recreation was one of study, being a constant reader. He did considerable research work during his leisure moments in the study and collection of marine life. He was a true student of nature, very fond of travel, and a keen observer. Another of his favorite pastimes was to care for his garden, in which he did much to develop horticulture and agriculture. He was a strong advocate of outdoor life, as has been shown by his outdoor activities. In politics he was affiliated with the Republican party, but independent and progressive with his vote, and in religion, while he was not a member of any church, he most devotedly lived a Christian life.

Mr. Everitt married (first) in 1895, Catherine Cryan, of Dunkirk, N. Y.; she died in 1902. He married (second) in 1920, Mrs. Ada (Pew) Mayo, of Helena, Mont., daughter of George W. Pew. Mr. Pew was a graduate of Cornell University and held life certificates as a teacher in the States of New York, Wisconsin and Iowa.

(The Oburg Line).

The name Oburg is one of old origin in Sweden, and many people bearing it are of high station in life; this is evidenced by the fact that several of Sweden's foremost citizens bear this name.

Oburg (Oberg) Arms—Or, two lozenges conjoined in esse sable.

Crest—Out of a tube or three peacock plumes proper, charged with two lozenges of the shield.

Supporters—Two lions rampant regardant or.

The life of Oscar Oburg, in which this narrative chiefly deals, is one which bears out the traditions of the Oburg family. This line of the Oburg family of Sweden was founded in the United States by Peter Oburg, who was born near Stockholm, Sweden, and lived there until 1840,

when he and his family emigrated to America, arriving at New York City. From New York City he came to Chautauqua county, N. Y., by the way of Buffalo and Dunkirk, thence to Jamestown, mostly by boat and stage coach.

Mr. Oburg married, in his native land, Margaret —, and to them were born five children before coming here: 1. Caroline, married John Anderson, and they lived near Sugar Grove, Pa., later at Red Wing, Minn., where they died. 2. Mary, died young, unmarried. 3. Pontius, married Mary —; they went to Indiana, where both died at an early age. 4. Oscar, of whom further. 5. Frank, married Eliza —; he went to Peoria, Ill.; during the Civil War he enlisted in the army, serving for four years, taking part in many important battles.

Oscar Oburg, son of Peter and Margaret Oburg, was born Feb. 25, 1833, near Stockholm, Sweden. At the age of sixteen he came to this country with his parents, and upon his arrival in Jamestown, N. Y., he found employment at the old Shaw Hotel in this city, which was located at the corner of Main and West Third streets, the site now occupied by the Prendergast block. The Shaw Hotel was a regular stop for stage coaches, then practically the only means of travel, a change of horses being necessary at the hotel stables, and it was here that the young man secured his first employment. Later Oscar Oburg went to Ashville, Chautauqua county, N. Y., where for some time he was engaged in the tailoring business, having learned the trade in his native land. He remained in this business for some time, subsequently becoming interested in the shoe business, which he continued until after the Civil War, when he turned his attention to farming, following this calling until old age compelled his retirement. Mr. Oburg was a Republican in politics, and was active on the local town election boards; a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Ashville for more than sixty-six years. He was greatly interested in church work, being at various times steward, trustee, class leader, superintendent of the Sunday school, and filled various other offices. He was a man of high religious character, kind-hearted and beloved by all who knew him. From an humble immigrant boy he arose to a station of high respect and esteem in his community.

Oscar Oburg married, in Ashville, Feb. 27, 1852, Bebe Wellman, daughter of Barnabas and Pamela (Bullock) Wellman. Mrs. Bebe (Wellman) Oburg, like her husband, was a devoted Christian, affiliated with the Ashville church from the age of fifteen years. Oscar Oburg died at Ashville, April 9, 1919, aged eighty-six years. His wife died at Ashville, April 1, 1918, aged eighty-three years. Mr. and Mrs. Oburg were the parents of six children, all born in Ashville, N. Y.: 1. Elon M., born Dec. 20, 1852; a farmer at Busti, Chautauqua county, N. Y.; married Mary Sherman. 2. Viola D., born Nov. 14, 1854, who married Marvin N. Everett (see Everett IV). 3. Minnie N., born Oct. 26, 1856; resides at the family homestead at Ashville; unmarried. 4. Lelia C., born March 20, 1859; married (first) John C. Walter, deceased; she married (second) Rollin Lee, a business man in Ashville. 5. Abbie D., born Jan. 3, 1861, who became the wife of Charles Wellman, who is connected with a large industry in Jamestown, N. Y. 6. Victor F., born April 9,

1863; a railroad man in Pittsburgh, Pa.; married Irene Grunder.

(The Wellman Line).

It is quite evident that the Wellman family took its name from the city of Wells in Somersetshire, England, which, in turn, obtained its name from a well called St. Andrew's Well, near the Bishop's palace, and from the fact that the founder of the family had received from one of the bishops charge of St. Andrew's Well, and had been called at first, John the Well-man, or William the Well-man, which later became John or William Wellman. The name has been variously spelled as Wellman, Wellmane, Wellmon, Welman, Welmon, Welmin, Wilman, Wilmon, Willman, Willmon, Willsman, Wellman, and Weelman. In America the practice of spelling this name as Wellman began quite early and has increased in practice until it is nearly universally used by all of the family here.

Arms—Argent, on a bend gules between two apples vert, three mullets or.

Crest—A demi-lion argent holding between his paws an apple as in the arms charged with a mullet or.

Motto—Dei providentia juvat.

The genealogy and history of the Wellman family and its origin in the Old World has been made with some success. Investigation in this country seems to show that the early immigrant Wellmans were only two in number, Thomas Wellman and William Wellman. However, family recollection points to a third, in the person of Barnabas Wellman. The name Barnabas has been carried through several generations and it is thought that a Barnabas may have been one of the immigrants, and, if not, at least one of the sons of William Wellman.

Thomas Wellman was in Lynn, Mass., as early as 1640. He bought land, lived and died in Lynn End (now Lynnfield), Mass.

William Wellman was in Marshfield, Mass., as early as 1642, but moved that year to Gloucester, Mass., and thence, in 1650, to New London, Conn., and a few years later to Killingworth, Conn., where he died.

There is a line of seven generations bearing the name of Barnabas Wellman, the first of whom there is any information being a Capt. Barnabas Wellman, a seafaring man, who made voyages between America and China. On one of these voyages he brought home a set of china dishes, a picture of his ship on each, and these were long preserved in the family. Another was Barnabas Wellman, who represented the family in the American Revolution; and last, a Barnabas Wellman, who was an early settler in Chautauqua county, N. Y.

Barnabas Wellman, the Revolutionary soldier, was born Aug. 15, 1756, in Killingworth, Conn. According to records, he was a drum major in the War of the Revolution. His brother and sisters were: Frelove, born May 22, 1753; Molly, born March 13, 1755; and Paul, born April 15, 1757. He married, and had the following children: 1. James, born Nov. 30, 1783. 2. Homer, born March 9, 1786. 3. Barnabas, of whom further. 4. Ford, born Jan. 3, 1796. 5. Leander, born Oct. 14, 1801. There were also two daughters, Millie and Hannah.

Barnabas (2) Wellman, son of Barnabas (1) Well-

man, was evidently born at Killingworth, Conn., Sept. 16, 1793. He is later recorded amongst the first settlers of Chautauqua county, N. Y., locating in the town of Ashville. He had a small farm there, but he was chiefly occupied as a stone mason, and it is said he was a man of strong character, very religious, and preached in the village church in the absence of the local minister. He was noted for his fine voice, which he used in connection with his church work and local entertainments. He was a kind-hearted man, revered by all, and known to the townsfolk as "Uncle Barney."

Mr. Wellman married Pamela Bullock, born Sept. 14, 1798, daughter of Jonathan (2) and Dorcas (Tabethy) (Cody) Bullock, and granddaughter of Jonathan (1) Bullock, of English descent. Jonathan (1) Bullock was resident in Kentucky, and it is believed that he later went from there to Berkshire, Mass., where he married Bebe Brown, and when their son was eight months old the father left for service in the French and Indian War, dying in the army from quinsy. Jonathan (2) Bullock married Dorcas (Tabethy) Cody, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Whitney) Cody, and migrated to Ontario county, N. Y., about 1797. Children of Jonathan (2) and Dorcas (Tabethy) (Cody) Bullock: Jonathan, born Nov. 7, 1788, died at Panama, Chautauqua county, N. Y., 1885; Bebe, born March 8, 1790, died at Sugar Grove, Pa., 1878; William, born Aug. 6, 1794, died in Busti, Chautauqua county, N. Y.; Pamela, of previous mention, married Barnabas Wellman, and died in Ashville, Chautauqua county, N. Y., in 1874; Joseph, born April 18, 1803, died in Ontario county, N. Y., in young manhood; Alfred, Mary P., and Shubel, all died young. Barnabas and Pamela (Bullock) Wellman were the parents of nine children: 1. Henry, married Alvira Pierce, a farmer of Three Rivers, Mich. 2. Malinda, died aged ten years. 3. Alfred, married Theodia Covey; he was a farmer living near Three Rivers, Mich. 4. Matilda, died at the age of thirty, unmarried. 5. Barnabas, married Harriett Phelps; he was the owner of a lumber mill at Cherry Creek, Chautauqua county, N. Y. 6. Delila, married (first) Israel Millard, who died; she married (second) Seymour Millard, an oil man at Titusville, Pa., and a brother of her first husband. 7. Rachael, married Alpheus Alexander, a farmer in Harmony, Chautauqua county, N. Y. 8. Bebe, married Oscar Oburg (see Oburg line). 9. Lucinda, married (first) A. Herrick, who died; she married (second) Nathaniel Smith, a farmer of Harmony, Chautauqua county, N. Y. These children were all born in Ashville, Chautauqua county, N. Y.

The Wellmans are a well known family in Chautauqua county, N. Y., and number among the first rank citizens. Among them are a number of well known professional and business men, and this name stands foremost in the community.

**HENRY E. MOSHER, D. S. C.**—On that historic morning of June 26, 1917, when the "First Contingent" of America's famous First Division set foot on the soil of France at St. Nazaire, Chautauqua county was represented in the person of Lieut. (later Capt.) Henry E. Mosher, Company K, 28th United States Infantry. Company K was the first company to disembark, Capt. G. A. Hadsell commanding them as they landed, with





Henry Mosher  
Captain, 28th Inf.



J. L. Dunn as first lieutenant, and Harry E. Mosher as second lieutenant, Second Lieut. Hood attached to the company being detailed in unloading. As a matter of historic interest, Capt. Mosher sent home a photographic copy of the following statement:

France, July 6, 1917.

Company K, 28th Infantry.

I certify that this organization landed from the U. S. Transport Tendoros at about 10:00 A. M., June 26th, 1917, at St. Nazaire, France, and that it is the first company of American soldiers ever in history to land on European soil for service in war.

G. ARTHUR HADSELL,

Captain 28th Infantry.

Comd'g Co. K.

The above statement is correct.

WM. L. SIBERT,

Major General, U. S. Army,

Comd'g. First American Expeditionary Division.

Henry E. Mosher, captain, Company K, 28th Infantry, American Expeditionary Force, killed in action at Cantigny, May 28, 1918, first officer of his rank to set foot on French soil in command of American troops for service in war, and first soldier from Chautauqua county to give his life in France in the service of the United States, was born at Falconer, N. Y., June 18, 1892, one of the twin sons of Stiles B. and Martha M. (Cook) Mosher. He was educated in the Falconer public schools, Jamestown High School, and at St. Braden's School at Highland Falls. In 1913 he entered West Point, where he spent one year. In October, 1916, he passed an examination at Fort Slocum, and on March 22, 1917, was commissioned a second lieutenant in the United States Army, assigned to the 28th Infantry, and ordered to Fort Leavenworth for a course of training in the Army Service School. When his course was but half completed his regiment was ordered abroad as part of General Pershing's "First Contingent," landing in France, June 26, 1917. Promotion came rapidly, to first lieutenant in the summer of 1917, and in February, 1918, to captain, in which rank he had acted since the preceding August. From July to October, the 28th Infantry, as part of the First Division, was in training with the French, the third battalion being stationed at St. Amand, Meuse. During October and November the regiment occupied the Sommervillier sector in Lorraine, and from January to April the Ansauville sector, north of Toul, from which station it was called to relieve the French and push back the German advance in the Montdidier-Noyon sector.

Says the Regimental History:

The German offensive launched on March 21 has reached such proportions as to call forth every resource at hand for checking it. It was at this time that General Pershing placed at the disposal of Marshal Foch the entire forces of the United States in France. A survey of the American forces showed four divisions whose training was considered complete enough to allow of their taking an active part. The First was chosen as the most fit to place at the point of danger. The British and French had stayed the German drive for the channel ports only after the wedge had been driven down past Montdidier. At the apex of this salient lay the village of Cantigny—taken by the 28th Infantry on the morning of May 28—the first American offensive, which General Pershing characterized in his report as "a brilliant action with electrical effect," as it demonstrated our fighting qualities under extreme battle conditions, and also that the enemy's troops were not invincible.

It is significant of the standing of the regiment that the 28th was given the place of honor among all the regiments of the American Expeditionary Force, and

Capt. Mosher counted it the honor of his life that he was chosen to lead his company in the assault.

"It was the memorable morning of May 28," wrote a member of the company:

K Company of the 28th Infantry, commanded by Captain Mosher, was on the left of the attack at Cantigny. Since 4 A. M. the counter batteries from the 5th, 6th and 7th Artillery had been smashing a path for the planned advance of the infantry. Thirty minutes before this advance the trench mortars hurled their load across No Man's Land. Then, at 6:45, supported by five tanks manned by Frenchmen, the Americans went over the top. The infantry got across with few casualties, and commenced to dig in. The raising of earth works was observed from the air by the enemy scouts, signaled to the German batteries and then hell began. Six times the Germans counter-attacked and six times they were repulsed. Their lines were but fifty and seventy-five yards away. After the first counter-attack, Captain Mosher sent three messengers, one after the other, with verbal messages to the battalion commander. They never came back. Shell from the enemy batteries was falling too accurately for that. So Captain Mosher decided to send another message, this time a written one. Crawling up and down the lines past his company in the shallow temporary trench he counted the casualties among his men. Then, crouching behind the earthworks, just high enough for protection against the enemy machine-gun fire, he began his message to his commander. He wrote the words "Have suffered—" and fifty feet behind him burst a shell, a fragment of which struck him in the back of his head and the pencil was stopped.

Captain Mosher was a man of fine physique and bore a dauntless spirit in a sound body. Inheritance as well as training had fitted him for his career. He counted among his ancestors John Vassal, a member of the Virginia Company who had commanded his ship in the fleet which destroyed the Spanish Armada; John Adams, of the "Fortune," 1621, brother of Henry Adams, from whom descended the presidential family; John Abbey, of the "Bonaventure," 1634, a soldier in King Philip's War; Hugh Mosher, of Salem, 1636, friend and companion of Roger Williams in his exile; Maj. Jonathan Bush and Capt. Thomas Abbey, of Connecticut, who served with Gen. Washington throughout the Revolution.

Stiles Burt Mosher, father of Henry E. Mosher, was born in Poland township, Chautauqua county, N. Y., March 27, 1851, and married, at Olean, N. Y., Oct. 29, 1879, Martha M. Cook, daughter of John Norbert and Anna Kohley Cook. Stiles Burt Mosher was a son of Ephraim Mosher, born in Oppenheim, Fulton county, N. Y., May 8, 1802, died in Falconer, N. Y., Jan. 15, 1875, and Harriet Lucretia (Abbey) Mosher, born in Guilford, N. Y., Sept. 3, 1816, died in Falconer, N. Y., Feb. 23, 1897, daughter of Henry and Eva (Ingersoll) Abbey. Ephraim Mosher was a son of Peter and Mary (Rarrick) Mosher, settlers in Fulton county, N. Y., in 1796.

Always characterized as a strict, courteous, and efficient officer whose word was law, Capt. Mosher developed under stress of battle unusual qualities of leadership and comradeship. An enlisted man who served under him recounted how, after the company's objective was gained and the positions consolidated, he went about commending and encouraging his men, administering first aid to the wounded and comforting the dying. Almost his last act was to drag a wounded private, under heavy shellfire, to a place of safety. Letters received by relatives from an officer of the 28th Infantry say, in part:

I cannot express to you how infinitely cool and brave were his actions as we advanced upon and attacked the German trenches surrounding the fortified town of Cantigny. With his trench cane hooked over his left arm he dealt death to five Germans, shooting them down with his automatic as nonchalantly as if at target practice, and almost his last act was to drag a wounded private through heavy shell fire to a place of safety. His example was an inspiration to all his officers and men, and we are filled with grief at his going.

Lieutenant Samuel Parker, of the 28th Infantry, also wrote:

I love and respect him above all other soldiers with whom I have been thrown in contact during the great war. He was a man and a soldier—every inch of him. I have seen the influence of many officers over their men, but I can honestly say that I have seen none whose death was felt so keenly by every one that knew him.

Capt. Mosher's name appears among those cited by Gen. R. L. Bullard for conspicuous gallantry in action during the operations connected with the capture and defense of Cantigny. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross by Gen. Pershing, the citation reading:

During a heavy bombardment near Cantigny, France, on May 28th, 1918, he displayed heroic conduct and utter disregard of his own safety while successfully directing the consolidation and defense of the position taken by his command. After succeeding in the accomplishment of his task he was struck by enemy fire and killed.

A third citation for "conspicuous gallantry in action and especially meritorious services" was bestowed by General Sumner, later in command of the First Division.

Capt. Mosher and two of his lieutenants were buried where they fell, later being removed to the French civilian cemetery at Cantigny and still later to the American cemetery at Villers Tournelles, Somme. Eventually his body is to rest among his kindred in Pine Hill in the village of Falconer, where the Henry Mosher Post of the American Legion, formed by his boyhood companions and schoolmates, commemorates the name of Chautauqua county's first soldier to make the supreme sacrifice in his country's service in France.

Thus passed Henry Mosher, Christian gentleman, and soldier.

He was a captain born and bred. In years  
Though yet a boy, he was a man in soul,  
Led older men and held them in control,  
In danger stood erect and quelled their fears.  
When death calls such a captain, he but hears  
As 'twere a distant bugle and the roll  
Of far-off drums. We wrong him if we toll  
The mournful bell. Give him our cheers, not tears!  
Through deadly scorch of battle flame and gas,  
Through iron hail and burst of shrapnel shell,—  
Smiling as when we played at mimic wars,—  
He was our leader. Is it, then, not well,  
That he should lead before us to the stars?  
Stand at attention! Let his brave soul pass!  
(J. Brainerd Thrall in "The Outlook").

**OBED EDSON**—There are other rural counties in New York State that have had a more thrilling history to record than Chautauqua, but none which has had a more faithful historian than Obed Edson. His passing, in his eighty-eighth year, seems almost to close the book of the pioneer history of the county, for there is no man left who has anything approaching his knowledge of it.

In the field of original historical research, Mr. Edson had no superior in Western New York. The fruits of his patient toil are fortunately gathered in permanent form. He was an important contributor to "Young's History of Chautauqua County," published a generation ago, which deals especially with the early settlers. He was the principal author of the county history published in 1894 by W. A. Ferguson & Company, which contains the annals of each town and much information regarding the geology and archeology of the county, branches of science with which Mr. Edson was thoroughly familiar, especially in relation to this region. He had reached the age of seventy, and was then, perhaps, at the zenith of his splendid intellectual powers, when, in 1902, he contributed his "Annals of Chautauqua County" for the "Centennial History of Chautauqua County." The annals comprise three hundred and sixty pages of that work, and for them he gleaned from the fruits of his historical studies the facts most valuable for ready reference. Many special individuals and periods have since been covered in his papers for the Historical Society and in his magazine articles, so that the entire amount of his historical writings is very considerable in volume and will be priceless in value to future Chautauquans. He well deserved the title commonly bestowed on him of "county historian."

When, in 1919, the history of Chautauqua county was proposed, he gave it his hearty support and cooperation, and is the author of several chapters of the work, all of which bear his name and may be considered his last work for the people of his beloved county, in fact his valedictory, and in a way his monument, as he was an advisory editor up until the time of his death.

But it would be a mistake to remember Obed Edson only as a historical student. This was his recreation. His profession was that of an attorney, and he was at the time of his death by many years the senior in service of any member of the bar in the county, having been admitted in 1853. He came of a pioneer family, his father, John M. Edson, having removed to Chautauqua county from Madison county in 1810. His father was a stepson of Maj. Samuel Sinclair. This family settled at Sinclairville, where Obed Edson was born in 1832, and where he was laid at rest. There the boy went to school, later attending Fredonia Academy. Then, in 1851 he studied law in the office of E. H. Sears, and to the little village he came home from the Albany Law School to hang out his own shingle and to practice there for sixty years, before taking up his residence with his son, Walter H. Edson, at Falconer.

As a youth, Mr. Edson was a surveyor, and in 1850 served as a chainman on the New York & Erie railroad, the year before its completion to Dunkirk and its memorable opening by Daniel Webster. As late as 1867 he ran the line of the Dunkirk, Allegheny Valley & Pittsburgh railroad down the Cassadaga valley and through his home village. Sinclairville was in early days a community of more relative importance in the county than it is to-day. It once aspired to be the county seat, being located in the center of the county. Political conventions were held there for many years. It numbered many strong men among its citizens. From the hills and valleys of the township of Charlotte, men have come





*Obed Edson*



who have made their names known beyond the limits of the county.

Of the pioneer families of Charlotte, several belonged to the Democratic party, among them the Edsons. Obed Edson became naturally one of the Democratic leaders in a strongly Republican county, and was steadfast in his support of the candidates of that party. He was several times nominated for public offices, for district attorney in 1865, for member of Assembly in 1873 and 1874, and for State Senator at a much later date. His election to the Assembly in 1874 from the old Second District gave him the distinction of being one of the two Democrats elected from this county since the Civil War period, the other having been the late Charles H. Corbett, of Sherman, chosen in 1882. At that time both Jamestown and Dunkirk were in the same district, which Mr. Edson represented. That Assembly was Democratic and served during the first year of Governor Tilden's administration.

Mr. Edson was uniformly kind and courteous in all his personal relations. He retained until the last a keen interest in public affairs. This and his frequent visits with younger men, all of whom enjoyed his company, kept him young at heart even when he was an octogenarian. So he approached the end of his days with a contented mind, and was a welcome guest at many a public gathering. His relation to the community in which he lived was that of a genial sage. He had lived more than his allotted time. He had lingered later than his fellows, as some lone pine upon our wintry hills defies the storm and the woodman's axe. We find at the close of his "Annals of Chautauqua County" Bryant's familiar lines, "To a Water Fowl," which seems to suggest a comparison with his own last days:

Yet stoop not, weary, to the welcome land,  
Though dark the night is near.  
And soon that toil shall end  
Soon shalt thou find a summer home and rest.

Obed Edson, fourth in direct line to bear the name Obed, was of the eighth generation of the family founded in New England by Deacon Samuel Edson, of Warwickshire, England, who was a descendant of Thomas Edson, the earliest identified male ancestor of the Edsons of England and America. Thomas Edson was born about 1480, married Juliana Bustard, lived in Oxfordshire, and died during the reign of Henry VIII.

Deacon Samuel Edson was born in 1612 or 1613, married, at the age of twenty-five, Susanna Orcutt, who was four years his junior, and immediately after his marriage sailed with his bride for New England, arriving at Salem, in July, 1639. In 1651 he moved to Bridgewater, where he was one of the fifty-six original proprietors, and may have been its first settler, at least was one of the first. He was a man of intelligence, industry and thrift, acquiring in course of time large property interests in land and mills. From 1676 until his death, July 10, 1692, he was in public office, and from 1667 until the end of King Philip's War he was a member of the Council of War, and from 1661, when he was elected one of the first deacons of the Bridgewater church, until his death, he filled that office. Of strong character, upright, honorable life, he possessed great influence and was one of the leading men of his town. His wife, Susanna, had a happy disposition, modest deportment, dignified pres-

ence and graceful manner. The characteristics of the founder and his wife have been transmitted to their descendants, and in Obed Edson the old Pilgrim had almost a reincarnation. Susanna Edson died Feb. 20, 1690, and in the old burying ground at Bridgewater the oldest monument of its kind is that standing over the graves of Deacon Samuel and Susanna Edson.

Deacon Samuel Edson was succeeded in Bridgewater by his son, Samuel (2) Edson, a prominent and highly respected citizen and office holder, and a man of property. He married Susanna Byram, and was succeeded in time by his son, Samuel (3) Edson, the first of the family to join the Established Church of England. He married Mary Dean, and their fourth son was Obed (1) Edson, who was a sergeant in the French and Indian War, taking part in several expeditions against the French. He died in Richfield, N. Y., having gone there in his old age it is believed to be with his son, Obed (2) Edson. Sergeant Obed Edson married (first) Katurah Willis, of Bridgewater, and they were the first of the branch to settle in New York State.

Obed (2) Edson, like his father, was a soldier of the French and Indian War, and for several years lived in Lanesboro, Mass. Between 1790 and 1793 he moved to what is now Richfield, Otsego county, N. Y., but then a part of the town of German Flats, Montgomery county. There he engaged in farming, and kept an inn in the locality now known as Monticello. He was a man of much natural ability, and a good musician. Prior to his death in Richfield, May 9, 1840, at the age of ninety-three years and seven days, he freed his only slave, "Ike," whom he had long owned. Obed (2) Edson married Prudence How, of Welsh descent, and they were the parents of a son, Obed (3) Edson.

Obed (3) Edson was born during the residence of his parents in Lanesboro, Mass. He then lived in Otsego county, N. Y., at Cooperstown and Richfield, later moving to Eaton, Madison county, where he died Aug. 6, 1804, aged thirty-two years. He was a clothier by trade; a member of the Masonic order; an Episcopalian, and like his father a follower of the political teachings of Thomas Jefferson. He was a man of education, a reader of good literature, and always a student. He married (second) Fanny Bigelow, born in Colchester, Conn., daughter of Captain Elisha Bigelow, an officer of the Revolution, as were two of his sons, a third serving as a private. Her mother, Thankful (Beebe) Bigelow, whose ancestor served under Cromwell, died in Sinclairville, Chautauqua county, N. Y., at the great age of ninety-seven years. After the death of her husband, at the age of thirty-two years, Fanny (Bigelow) Edson, then a woman of less than thirty years, married (second) Maj. Samuel Sinclair, with whom she and her children came to Sinclairville, in 1810, the site then a wilderness, but a village growing thereon later was named in his honor. Mrs. (Edson) Sinclair was a woman of intelligence and education, one of the Chautauqua mothers who filled an important place in early county life, dying in Sinclairville, Jan. 12, 1852, widely known and honored for her many virtues and useful life. Maj. Samuel Sinclair, her second husband, was a soldier of the First New Hampshire Regiment, serving from the age of fifteen until eighteen under his uncle, Col. Joseph Cilley. He

was at Valley Forge, Saratoga, Monmouth, and with General Sullivan in his campaign against the Indians. Maj. Sinclair was one of the founders of the Masonic lodge at Sinclairville, and of Forest Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Fredonia, the first in Chautauqua county.

John Milton Edson, son of Obed (3) and Fanny (Bigelow) Edson, was born at Eaton, Madison county, N. Y., July 30, 1801, and died in Sinclairville, Aug. 21, 1885. He was but three years of age when his father died, and nine when with his stepfather, Maj. Samuel Sinclair, his mother, his brother and sister, he came to Chautauqua county, in 1810, the family settling at what later became Sinclairville. He obtained a fine education principally through home teaching and reading, as there were no schools then in his section. But in after life those who met him never failed to be impressed with his large and original views, and to feel a regret that a thorough education had been denied him. But he was a thorough woodsman, skilled in all the arts of the frontiersman, an excellent rifle shot, a leader among the pioneers. He was a noted athlete in his younger years, and greatly interested in military life, holding the rank of lieutenant-colonel of the Western New York Regiment, appointed May 22, 1830. He was justice of the peace for the town of Charlotte for fourteen years; was supervisor three terms; deputy United States marshal one term; judge of the Court of Common Pleas, April 17, 1843, until July 1, 1847, when the court was abolished. He was the first master of Sylvan Lodge, No. 303, Free and Accepted Masons, of Sinclairville, his stepfather, Maj. Samuel Sinclair, the first master of the "Masonic Society" organized there in 1819. He married, in 1831, Hannah Alverson, born in Halifax, Windham county, Vt., June 3, 1804, died Nov. 22, 1878, in Sinclairville, N. Y. She was a daughter of Jonathan and Ursula (Church) Alverson, and in 1821 came with her mother to reside in the town of Gerry, Chautauqua county. They were the parents of two children: Obed (4) Edson, Chautauqua's "grand old man," whose life is herein commemorated; and a daughter, Fanny Ursula, born June 4, 1834, married Henry Sylvester.

Such were the antecedents of Obed (4) Edson, and through the men and women named he received a rich legacy, good health, strong physique, worth, ambition, quick intelligence, upright character, and love of the right. His ancestors were unusually long lived, and he fulfilled the promise of his youth in every particular, his career transcending in usefulness and brilliancy that of any of his race, and closely resembling that of his first American ancestor, Deacon Samuel Edson, of three centuries ago. Eighty-seven were the years of his life, and until their very close he was "in the harness," death coming to him quietly and gently at the midnight hour, while he slept, his passing in keeping with the ideal life he had long led.

Obed (4) Edson, only son of John Milton and Hannah (Alverson) Edson, was born at Sinclairville, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Feb. 18, 1832, and died at the home of his son, Walter H. Edson, in Falconer, N. Y., Nov. 22, 1919. He attended the public schools of Sinclairville, and was a student at Fredonia Academy, there completing his school years. He then pursued the study of law under the direction of E. H. Sears, of Sinclairville, entering Albany

Law School in 1853, and gaining admission to the New York bar, Aug. 8, 1853, he then being in his twenty-second year. At the age of eighteen years he had been engaged in land and railroad surveying and later he ran surveys for railroads and county roads. But from 1853, when admitted to the New York bar, he continuously practiced his profession in Chautauqua county, and, well trained in the law, an able advocate, an honest man, he stood high among his brethren of the profession, and he possessed the entire confidence of his clients, even his adversaries feeling that they had no injustice to fear at his hands. And at all times he was a polished gentleman of the old school, who would rather be of service than cause offense to any man. At Sinclairville he was a law partner with Judge E. F. Warren, later co-partner with C. Frank Chapman, and subsequently was with his nephew, Fred H. Sylvester.

Although not actively engaged in practice in the last few years, he continued to give some time to his profession, and recently the local newspapers noted his report as referee in County Court proceedings which was entered just a few days before his eighty-seventh birthday. His historical researches, his early recollections, and his wonderful memory for events, dates and details made him a veritable encyclopedia of local information, which was always open to his friends or the public. It is not too much to say that the information he collected and stored away in his records and his retentive memory was often of much greater value to others than it was to himself. He never attempted to commercialize his talent for historical research; to him it was a labor of love. He took greater interest in it and gave it more attention than he did his profession. He was one of the founders of the Chautauqua County Society of History and Natural Science, and was its backbone through all the years since its formation. He retained his interest in the county historical society up to the time of his death, and attended the annual meetings of that organization as long as he was able to do so.

Mr. Edson was a contributor to "The Continent," "The Chautauquan," and other leading magazines, generally upon historical subjects. He first gathered and collected the facts respecting the expedition of Col. Daniel Brouderhead, which was sent against the Indians of the upper Allegheny river by Gen. Washington during the War of the Revolution to operate in conjunction with General Sullivan. Mr. Edson prepared a full history of this expedition, which was published as a leading article in the November number of the "Magazine of American History" for the year 1879. He was the author of several local histories, among which is a portion of "Young's History of Chautauqua County," and all of that part of it which relates to its Indian, French and early history. He lectured before the Chautauqua Institute, and delivered the historical address at Westfield in 1902, on the occasion of the Centennial celebration of the settlement of Chautauqua county. He made a similar address at the celebration of the Centennial of the settlement of the city of Falconer, and he delivered many addresses and lectures. He was president of the Chautauqua County Historical Society, member of the County and State Bar Associations, member of the Buffalo Historical Society, and president of Evergreen Cemetery Association of Sinclairville.



Mr. Edson was a lifelong Democrat and prominent in the councils of his party for many years. In 1874 he was elected member of Assembly from the old Second Assembly District, defeating Harvey S. Elkins, Republican, by two hundred and twenty-five majority, although the Republican State ticket had one thousand majority in the district. The preceding year he was defeated by only seventy-two majority, his successful Republican opponent being John D. Hiller. Mr. Edson was the only Democrat ever elected to the Assembly from the old Second Assembly District, which then included both Jamestown and Dunkirk. Beside his term in the Assembly, he served several years on the Board of Supervisors as the representative of his native town. He was for nearly sixty years a member of the Masonic fraternity, and served Sylvan Lodge, of Sinclairville, as master in 1862 and again in 1912—just half a century later, as well as several terms between those years. He was also a member of Western Sun Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of Jamestown. During the ministry of the Rev. Dr. James G. Townsend at the Independent Congregational Church in Jamestown, Mr. Edson took an active interest in the work of that church.

Mr. Edson married, at Sinclairville, May 11, 1859, Emily Amelia Allen, born at New London, Conn., Nov. 27, 1835, died in March, 1899, daughter of Caleb J. and Emily E. (Haley) Allen. Her father, Caleb J. Allen, in his youth, was a sailor on a Pacific ocean whaling ship, but later located in New London, Conn., where he became a hatter; was mayor of New London, and also represented that city in the Connecticut Legislature as State Senator. Later he was a merchant of Sinclairville. Obed (4) and Emily A. (Allen) Edson were the parents of eight children: 1. Fanny A., born April 28, 1860; married John A. Love, now residing at Bellingham, Wash. 2. John M., born Sept. 29, 1861, now living at Bellingham, Wash. 3. Samuel A., born Sept. 15, 1863, died Nov. 16, 1872. 4. Mary U., born Sept. 11, 1865, died Nov. 27, 1872. 5. Hannah, born Feb. 15, 1869, died Dec. 10, 1881. 6. Walter H., a sketch of whom follows. 7. Ellen E., born April 21, 1875, died March 31, 1887. 8. Allen O., born Sept. 3, 1880, died Jan. 16, 1882. John Milton, the eldest son, is a well known ornithologist of Bellingham, Wash., and has made many valuable contributions to the literature of that science. He married Alma B. Green, a former teacher in Chautauqua county schools.

Such was the life and deeds of Obed (4) Edson, whose years, eighty-seven, were spent entirely in Chautauqua county. While he held various positions of public trust and confidence, was a lawyer of high repute and identified with many good movements; he was best known and will be long remembered as a local historian. A monument to his historical labors has been erected in every history of Chautauqua county that has been written for the past half century. Mr. Edson knew more about the early history of Chautauqua county, and of conditions and peoples connected with the Chautauqua lake region long before the advent of the white man, than any other man who has ever made a study of these things. Living a life of activity and good works, modestly and quietly pursuing the open road that lay before him, never making an effort to avoid the responsibilities that came to him, nor seeking honors that did not belong to him, he lived and

labored long beyond the allotted years of man, and goes to his rest and reward with the respect and the love of the people of Chautauqua county, the old and the young, the rich and the poor, to a very marked degree.

**WALTER HENRY EDSON**—Since his admission in February, 1898, Walter H. Edson has practiced at the Chautauqua county bar continuously, and as a lawyer of learning, sound judgment and integrity he occupies high and honorable position. As a citizen, Mr. Edson is most earnest, well-informed and public-spirited, always at the service of individual or organization in aid of the cause of education, religion or good government. His spirit of helpfulness is well known and he is freely called upon for platform service to enlighten and instruct audiences seeking light upon perplexing questions of City, State and National policy. His interest never lags and he gives freely of himself to every worthy cause which needs an advocate. He is a native son of Chautauqua, and through his father, Obed Edson, of blessed memory, is heir to a rich inheritance of county ancestry dating to John Milton Edson, who came to the county in 1810. He is a descendant of Deacon Samuel Edson, of Warwickshire, England. (See ancestry in memorial review of the life of Obed Edson). John M. Edson was a stepson of Maj. Samuel Sinclair, founder of Sinclairville. Through his mother, Emily A. (Allen) Edson, another line of Chautauqua county lineage is established, her father coming from New England to become a merchant of Sinclairville. Walter Henry Edson is the sixth child of Obed and Emily A. (Allen) Edson, and has always been true to the county of his birth and is well known in the county. His home was the abode of his honored father during the latter's last years, and the association between the two men was closer even than the natural bond.

Walter H. Edson was born in Sinclairville, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Jan. 8, 1874. He completed public school courses of study with graduation from Sinclairville High School in 1891, then pursued a general classical course at Cornell University, whence he was graduated with the usual bachelor's degree, class of 1896. He read law under his father and attended the College of Law, Cornell University, receiving his LL. B., class of 1897. From 1896 to 1898, he was a clerk in the law office of Obed Edson, and upon his admission to the Chautauqua county bar in 1898, formed a partnership with Harley N. Crosby, now surrogate of Chautauqua county. The firm Edson & Crosby opened a law office in Falconer, March 1, 1898, and there continued a successful general practice until Jan. 1, 1914, when the firm dissolved, Mr. Crosby retiring, Mr. Edson continuing practice in Falconer alone until Jan. 6, 1915, when he was appointed assistant United States attorney for the western district of New York, with headquarters at Buffalo. He gave up practice at Falconer upon accepting the government appointment, and gave his time exclusively to the duties of his office until Nov. 13, 1918, when he resigned and resumed private practice as a member of the law firm of Dean, Edson & Jackson, Fenton building, Jamestown, N. Y. On March 20, 1920, he was appointed special assistant to the United States attorney and is still serving (Dec. 20, 1920) in that capacity. The law and his public service has filled Mr. Edson's life to the exclu-

sion of business activities to a large extent, his only important connection being with the National Chautauqua County Bank, which he served as director, trust officer and counsel. On Jan. 1, 1921, he began service as vice-president and trust officer of the National Chautauqua County Bank of Jamestown, devoting his entire time to that work. He is retained by other of the corporations of Jamestown in a legal capacity and he administers many trusts.

The politics of the Edsons has for generations been Democratic, and Obed Edson was long prominent in party councils. His mantle fell upon his son, and since early life Walter H. Edson has been rated a party leader and one of the strong men of the party. Chautauqua is strongly, almost hopelessly, Republican, and official life is but a dream to those loyal to the Democracy. But Mr. Edson has always been a strong and loyal supporter of the party and its great leaders. In 1912 he was one of the eight Wilson supporters on the New York delegation to the National Democratic Convention at Baltimore. In Falconer, he was president of the Board of Education in 1905, and as above noted held the office of assistant United States district attorney for Western New York, Jan. 11, 1914-Nov. 13, 1918, that appointment coming from the fact that the Nation and State were Democratic in their executive departments.

During the Great War period, Mr. Edson was assistant United States district attorney; he joined the army and trained at Fort Niagara, N. Y., receiving a second lieutenant's commission, Nov. 27, 1917. He was assigned to duty with the 90th Division at American Lake, Wash., and served until Dec. 11, 1917, when he resigned and returned to his post. He is a member of Cornell Chapter, Delta Chi, and Sylvan Lodge, No. 303, Free and Accepted Masons, of Sinclairville, a lodge of which his father, Obed Edson, was a member for sixty years and of which he was twice master, just a half century elapsing between his first term, 1862, and his second, 1912. John Milton Edson, grandfather of Walter H. Edson, was the first master of Sylvan Lodge, and his stepfather. Maj. Samuel Sinclair, the first master of a "Masonic Society" organized in Sinclairville in 1819. In religious faith Mr. Edson is a Unitarian, affiliated with the First Church of Jamestown.

Mr. Edson married, at Shunla, Chautauqua county, N. Y., June 27, 1899, Florilla Belle Clark, daughter of Francis Drake and Isabel M. (Grover) Clark. Mrs. Edson is a great-great-granddaughter of Maj. Samuel Sinclair and his first wife, Sarah (Perkins) Sinclair. Mr. Edson is a great-grandchild of Maj. Sinclair's second wife, Fanny (Bigelow) Edson, widow of Obed (3) Edson, mother of John Milton Edson, and grandmother of Obed (4) Edson, father of Walter Henry Edson. Mr. and Mrs. Edson are the parents of two children: Francis Drake and Isabel E. Edson. The family home is in Falconer. Mrs. Edson is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

**WARREN BREWSTER HOOKER**—With the passing of the eminent Judge Warren B. Hooker, one of the strong men of Chautauqua county retires from earthly scenes, and with him passes some phases of county political life with which politicians of the old school alone are familiar. Judge Hooker began his pub-

lic career where other famous Chautauquans began, on the Board of Supervisors, and was a recognized party leader before Governor Black appointed him to the Supreme Bench in 1898. A member of Congress at the age of thirty-four, he became an influential factor in the National House of Representatives, and under Speaker Reed was awarded a most important committee chairmanship—Rivers and Harbors. He was four times elected to Congress, and in his district during his long period of public service he gathered around him a group of men loyal in their Republicanism, but to their leader as loyal and as true. It has been said of Judge Hooker that he served his friends too well, but it is the testimony of all the attorneys who practiced before him that he was one of the most impartial judges who ever sat in New York courts. Loyalty to his friends was a striking characteristic of his whole life, but a friend was never recognized as such in his judicial hearing, or the testimony just quoted would not have been given. While he was a politician of the most astute type, he was also the gracious gentleman and the just judge. Those who knew him best loved him most, and as friend and neighbor he will long live in the hearts of his townsmen. They will not recall the fact that he entered Congress unknown, but by sheer force of personality became one of a small group which dominated that body; nor that for fifteen years he served with ability and integrity as a justice of the Supreme Court of his native New York, but they will remember that his great dominant trait was kindness, that his timely aid started many a Chautauqua boy on a useful career, and that his long public career was marked by countless favors to those who were less fortunately situated. "Were everyone for whom he has done some loving kindness to bring a blossom to his grave, he would sleep to-night beneath a wilderness of flowers." So it is not as the forceful politician of a period when men gave and received hard blows in their political controversies, nor as the just and upright judge who almost held life, death and the future at his behest, nor as the successful business man that Chautauquans remember Judge Hooker, but as a friend whom they mourn with a deep and a genuine sorrow, pride in his achievement being lost in sorrow at his passing.

Judge Hooker was a native son of New York, his parents, John and Philena (Waterman) Hooker, coming from near Brandon, Vermont, to Perrysburg, in Cattaraugus county, N. Y., and there their son, Warren B. Hooker, was born Nov. 24, 1856. He died at his home in Fredonia, Chautauqua county, N. Y., March 5, 1920, and is buried in Forest Hill Cemetery. His education, begun in the public schools, was continued at Forestville Free Academy, from whence he was graduated, class of 1876. Choosing the profession of law, he studied under the preceptorship of John G. Record, of the Chautauqua county bar, and until 1879 was a student in the latter's office in Forestville. In 1879 he was admitted to the bar, and until 1882 practiced law in Chautauqua county, with offices at Forestville. In 1882 he went to the State of Washington, and for two years practiced his profession in the city of Tacoma. He returned to Chautauqua county in 1884 and at once established law offices in Fredonia, that village continuing his home until his death, thirty-six years later.

Until 1890 Mr. Hooker successfully practiced law in



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Fredonia, then gave himself wholly to the public service as Congressman from the then Thirty-fourth New York District. He continued in Congress through successive re-elections until November, 1898, when he was appointed by Governor Black a justice of the Supreme Court of the Eighth Judicial District to fill a vacancy. At the election in November, 1899, he was elected to the same high office for a full term of fourteen years. On Dec. 8, 1902, he was appointed by Governor Odell to the Appellate Division in the Second Department and went to Brooklyn, where he served until 1909, then returned to trial work in his own district. Upon the expiration of his term in 1913 he retired to private life. He was, however, recalled to the bench late in the summer of 1919 as official Supreme Court Referee by appointment, and during the fall and winter heard a number of cases. The last trial over which he presided was in Allegany county, but two weeks prior to his death.

The record Judge Hooker made while on the bench shows him to have been a diligent worker and most anxious that nothing but justice should proceed from his decisions. He was learned in the law, but never rendered a decision until after deep search and profound study of law precedent and authority to fortify his own opinion. Eminently just in this judicial decision, he was equally noted for his fairness and impartiality.

The fifteen years Judge Hooker spent upon the Supreme Bench came as a crowning honor to a life of public service that began while he was yet a law student. A Republican in his political affiliation, he was of the dominant party, but his was a day of personal politics, and it was necessary to success that a politician maintain a strong organization loyal to him as well as to the party. This Judge Hooker early learned, and he proved one of the strongest of leaders of organized politics in his district. He fought his political battles according to the rules laid down by former leaders and by contemporaries; he asked no quarter, and gave and received hard blows with equal equanimity.

His career in the public service began in 1878, the year before he was actually admitted to the bar, when he was elected special surrogate of Chautauqua county. He held that position for three years. After returning from the West, Mr. Hooker immediately began taking an active interest in public affairs, and in 1880 was elected supervisor from the town of Pomfret. In 1890 he was re-elected, receiving the support in that election of both leading political parties, which was a compliment to his efficient service. In the fall of 1890, when yet but thirty-three years of age, he was nominated by the Republicans of the Thirty-fourth Congressional District of New York for representative in Congress. The district comprises the counties of Chautauqua, Cattaraugus and Allegany. His election followed by a majority of 5,726. He was re-elected in 1892 and again in 1894, receiving in the latter election a plurality of 15,300 votes. In 1896 he again received the nomination and was again elected by the handsome plurality of 27,436. He was elected for the last time in 1898. At the time he was elected for the first time he was the youngest member of Congress. He was nominated at that time over old and experienced men of the party. His subsequent renomination by acclamation was a compliment to his popularity and faithful service.

During the Fifty-fourth Congress, Speaker Reed named Mr. Hooker chairman of the important Rivers and Harbors Committee. His bill passed by big majorities by both houses of Congress, and over the President's veto won for him many warm compliments. In one of his appropriation bills during his term as chairman of this committee, was included a generous appropriation for the Dunkirk harbor with which most important improvements were made. In 1898, before he had completed his last term in Congress, Governor Black appointed him a justice of the Supreme Court for the Eighth Judicial District. This ended his political career, and upon the expiration of this term in 1913, he practiced law and engaged in business as a manufacturer of sand glass in Pennsylvania.

Most of Judge Hooker's time after his retirement from the bench was spent in Fredonia, where his genial nature and pleasing manner won all hearts. He was sympathetic and responsive to every reasonable appeal, and during the last few years of his life took deep interest in the affairs of Trinity Protestant Episcopal Church. He was a member of the Masonic order, affiliated with Forest Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Fredonia. In 1899 Hamilton College conferred upon him the honorary degree LL. D.

Judge Hooker married, Sept. 11, 1884, Etta Elizabeth Abbey, who survives him, youngest daughter of Chauncey and Elizabeth (Chase) Abbey, her father one of Fredonia's strong business men of an earlier day, bank president and eminent citizen, who died in 1894. Elizabeth (Chase) Abbey died March 28, 1855. Mrs. Hooker is a member of Benjamin Prescott Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, and of Trinity Episcopal Church. She is of the eighth generation of the Abbey family in America, descent being traced from John Abbey, who was of Salem, Mass., Jan. 2, 1738. Judge and Mrs. Hooker were the parents of two children, born in Fredonia: Sherman Abbey Hooker, secretary of the Benjamin Franklin Institute, New York City; Florence Elizabeth, married Eben D. Moon, of Elkhart, Ind., and they are the parents of three sons: Warren DeWitt, Eben DeWitt, Jr., and David Brownell Moon.

Two tributes from the press of Western New York close this review of a valuable life. Buffalo "Times" (in part only):

Many years ago we were present in court when Judge Hooker sentenced to death a young man who had been convicted of murder. The magistrate showed more emotion than did the defendant. The carefully restrained but distinctly evident sorrow of the Judge, his pallor, his manifest sense of the tremendous and melancholy responsibility he was wielding left an impression which has never been effaced. It was a memorable example of human feeling in exercising the powers of justice, and was consonant with the breadth of vision Judge Hooker showed in afterward granting that unfortunate young man a new trial.

It seems to us that this incident is more typical of Justice Hooker than anything that could be conveyed in an editorial of the conventional kind.

Jamestown "Journal" (closing paragraph):

And now, some years after the days of his activity, when he goes to his long rest after a strenuous life, when he has laid down the burdens which he courageously bore so many years, we pay tribute to his genius, and join with those who sorrow at his passing from the realm of the living to take his place in the silent chambers of the dead.

**CHAUNCEY ABBEY**—A quarter of a century has elapsed since Chauncey Abbey walked Fredonia's streets, but his memory is still green and monuments to his memory are found on every hand. Nearly forty years prior to his passing he organized with others the Fredonia Bank, a State institution, which later became the Fredonia National Bank, of which Chauncey Abbey was the able president during the last twelve years of his life. Beginning life on a farm, he was very successful as an agriculturist, and as the years passed he broadened and expanded until his activities touched nearly every department of Chautauqua county life. His life was a successful and a useful one, for it was not given up to selfish ends or ignoble purposes. He prospered, but it was not at the expense of others, and his wealth was both rightly acquired and rightly used. Seventy-nine were the years of his life, and from the age of eight years he was a resident of Chautauqua county, and from arrival at legal age a landowner.

This surname is variously spelled, Abbe and Abbey being the commoner forms. The origin of the word as a surname is self-evident, the first to bear it taking advantage of the nearness of his home to the abbey to adopt that word as his surname. The family in England bore arms: Gules, five fusils in fesse, between three scallop shells. Crest: On a wreath of three colors of the shield, gules and argent, an eagle's head erased or.

Chauncey Abbey traced his descent through six generations of New England ancestors to John Abbey, who, tradition says, was of Norwich, Norfolkshire, England. John Abbey was admitted an inhabitant of Salem, Mass., Jan. 2, 1636, and allotted an acre of ground "for an house" and "three acres of planting ground." He had other lands granted him in Salem, and is mentioned in the Wenham records in 1643; was a constable in 1669, and according to Savage was at Reading, Mass., in 1685. He died about 1690, aged not far from seventy-four years. His first wife, Mary Abbey, who died Sept. 9, 1672, was the mother of Samuel Abbey, through whom Chauncey Abbey traced his descent.

Samuel Abbey was born about 1650, in Salem or Wenham, Mass., died in Windham, Conn., in March, 1697-98. He was a landowner and surveyor of Wenham, lived in Salem Village, bought and sold several tracts of land in Essex county, Mass., prior to Dec. 21, 1697, when he was admitted an inhabitant of Windham, Conn. He married, at Windham, Mass., Oct. 12, 1672, Mary Knowlton, who survived him and married a second husband, Abraham Mitchell. Descent is traced to Chauncey Abbey through Ebenezer Abbey, son of Samuel and Mary (Knowlton) Abbey.

Ebenezer Abbey was born in Salem Village, Mass., July 31, 1683, died Dec. 5, 1758. He was of Norwich, Conn., and Windham, Conn., and in 1725 was a member of the Hampton church. He is traced by his land transactions, and may have lived at Mansfield, as he there married, Oct. 28, 1707, Mary, daughter of Joshua Allen, one of Mansfield's early settlers. They were the parents of thirteen children, descent being traced in this branch through the eldest child, Ebenezer Abbey.

Ebenezer (2) Abbey was born in Windham, Conn., July 27, 1708. He married Abigail, surname unknown, Feb. 22, 1729, and they were the parents of seven chil-

dren, descent being traced through the sixth child, John Abbey.

John Abbey was born in Windham, Conn., Aug. 23, 1743, died in Bellows Falls, Conn. He was a soldier of the Revolution, serving with the Connecticut Line. He married, April 27, 1768, Dorothy Bugbee, and they were the parents of David Abbey, the founder of the family in Chautauqua county, N. Y., and grandparents of Chauncey Abbey.

David Abbey was born at Bellows Falls, Conn., in 1789, died in Chautauqua county, N. Y., in 1876. He was a farmer all his life, and owned land in various places. He located in the town of Villenova (now Arkwright), Chautauqua county, N. Y., in 1823, and there resided many years. He married, in New England, Hannah Woods, born in Bennington, Vt., daughter of Nathan Woods, a Revolutionary soldier, and descendant of John Woods, born in England about 1610, one of the first settlers of Sudbury, Mass. David and Hannah (Woods) Abbey were the parents of seven children: James Parker; Chauncey, mentioned below; Abial, Hannah, John, David, Jr., and a child who died young.

Chauncey Abbey, second son of David and Hannah (Woods) Abbey, was born in the town of Virgil, Cortland county, N. Y., April 1, 1815, died in the village of Fredonia, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Sept. 11, 1894. He was eight years old when brought to Chautauqua county by his parents in 1823, and until reaching man's estate remained at the home farm in the now town of Arkwright. He was educated in the district schools, and developed marked ability as a mathematician. In 1836 he left home and began life on his own farm, having become the owner of a choice tract of 194 acres in the town of Arkwright, near the village of the same name. He gave particular attention to the improvement and cultivation of his farm, and in course of time brought it to the very highest condition of productiveness. He specialized in stock-raising and dealing, and in addition to fertile fields, his farm was also noted for its fine stock. He easily grew into leadership among the farmers of his district, and that, in a community remarkable for its fine farms and prosperous farmers. His cattle dealing began when he was a young farmer anxious to increase his income through other means than by actual cultivation of the soil. It is related of him that after making some small ventures he determined to go in heavier and went to Ellicott to bid up the large herd of cattle Mr. Prendergast annually placed upon the market. He looked so young that Mr. Prendergast advised him not to buy, but be satisfied with a farmer's gains, and not take a cattle drover's risks. But the young man persisted and bought the entire herd, clearing over a thousand dollars in the transaction. Many times afterward he bought the Prendergast herd, but was never again burdened with the owner's good advice. For many years each farmer produced a herd of cattle for the market, and there was hardly a farm in the county but Mr. Abbey sometime visited and usually did some business. He imported cattle from the West, principally to replenish Chautauqua dairies, and found markets for his cattle at home and abroad.

So heavy were his transactions and so abundant was his capital that he became a purchaser of commercial





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paper and other securities, becoming practically the banker for entire townships, in which the highest form of security known was Chauncey Abbey's word. He became familiar with all forms of business, drew wills, settled estates, acted as guardian and safeguarded the investments of minors and others. He was literally consulted by hundreds in matters of deep importance to them, and the advice they sought was always freely given. Besides his own home farm at Arkwright, which he never sold, he owned and improved a farm in Ohio, and several valuable Chautauqua county tracts, for he was a firm believer in the future agricultural greatness of the county and in the value of Chautauqua lands as an investment.

While he was the best known financier in the county, it was not until 1856 that he formed regular banking connections. In that year, with Stephen M. Clements and others, he organized the Fredonia Bank under the State laws, and in 1865 reorganized and incorporated it under the newly enacted National banking laws as The First National Bank of Fredonia. He was a heavy investor in the stock of both banks, always a member of their boards of direction, and from 1882 until his death, in 1894, was president of The First National. He was a member of the Presbyterian church, and in politics a Republican.

Mr. Abbey married (first) Elizabeth Chase, who died March 28, 1855, aged thirty-eight years, daughter of Stephen Chase, of Charlotte, Chautauqua county, N. Y. They were the parents of four children: Hannah, died young; Rubie Lavinia, a resident of Fredonia; Rosa E., married (first) Manly M. Sessions, (second) Herbert A. Peirce; Etta Elizabeth, widow of Judge Warren Brewster Hooker, whose sketch precedes this.

The rise of Chauncey Abbey from farmer boy to financier is well worth contemplation, and his character proves difficult to analyze. He was ambitious, but not to a degree unusual, and it is not easy to find the exact characteristic which won success. He was a keen observer of men. To the man struggling manfully with adversity his strong arm was outstretched, but drones and adventurers, wasters of fortunes and opportunities, and betrayers of trusts never successfully applied to him. He was a bold, energetic, self-reliant man, following more than most men the suggestions of his own judgment and conscience. He listened to others but decided for himself. He generously aided every public enterprise to make men better and happier. He had the frankness and geniality that attached to him his business associates and neighbors. In a business career of more than sixty years his integrity was never questioned. He faithfully discharged every trust confided in him. He was a wise man from the lessons of life and the book of nature to him was ever open.

**HARRY BENJAMIN HOPSON**—The founder of the Hopson line of this record was Sergeant John Hopson, the name appearing in early records as both Hopson and Hobson, variations persisting to the present. Sergeant John Hopson was born in England in 1610, and it is believed that he came to America in the "Globe" in 1635, probably accompanying his father, John Hopson, who settled at Rowley, Mass. Sergeant John Hop-

son located at Guilford in the Connecticut colony, and there he died July 3, 1701. He was three times married, his first wife, Sara, died Sept. 9, 1669; his second, whom he married Dec. 3 (or 9), 1672, Elizabeth, died in 1683, daughter of Edward Shipman, of Saybrook, Conn.; his third, Elizabeth Alling, daughter of John Alling, of New Haven, born Sept. 11, 1653. The children of his first marriage were: John, born March 16, 1666, and Francis, who died young; of his second: Elizabeth, born Jan. 27, 1674, married Comfort Starr; and Abigail, born Dec. 17, 1677, died young; of his third: Samuel, of whom further.

(II) Lieutenant Samuel Hopson, son of Sergeant John and Elizabeth (Alling) Hopson, was born in Guilford, Conn., Jan. 10, 1684, lived in that town all of his life, and died Dec. 21, 1771. He married (first) Jan. 20, 1709, Mary Fowler, born about 1681, died Oct. 17, 1717, daughter of Judge Abraham Fowler; (second) Ann Leete, daughter of Governor William Leete, of Guilford, Conn.

(III) Samuel (2) Hopson, son of Lieutenant Samuel (1) Hopson, was born in Guilford, Conn., Oct. 21, 1710, and died in Wallingford, Conn., May 3, 1789. He grew to manhood on the homestead in the northern end of the town, and in 1760 moved to Wallingford, where he engaged in agricultural operations for the remainder of his life. He married, in Guilford, about 1733, Mercy Collins, born in Guilford, Jan. 19, 1707, died in Wallingford, Conn. Children: Clement; Linus, of whom further; Samuel, born July 29, 1738; Ashel, born April 12, 1743; Rue, born Aug. 12, 1745; Simeon, born Oct. 14, 1747; Alvanus, born April 9, 1752; and Avis.

(IV) Linus Hopson, son of Samuel (2) Hopson, was born about 1736, in Guilford. He was in the Colonial army during the Revolution, served at Boston, and rose to the rank of lieutenant. He was for a time a resident of Wallingford, Conn., and later moved to Freehold near Albany, N. Y. He married, about 1766, Martha Shattuck, born in Middletown, Conn., April 15, 1746, died probably in Freehold, Albany county, N. Y., daughter of Timothy and Desire (Hall) Shattuck, granddaughter of Rev. Benjamin and Martha (Sherman) Shattuck, and Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Curtis) Hall, of Wallingford, great-granddaughter of William and Susanna (Randall) Shattuck, of Woburn, Mass., and Joseph and Elizabeth (Winship) Sherman. (See Shattuck V). Children: Philo, of whom further; Lyman, born May 30, 1769; Sherman, born June 19, 1772; Linus, born Oct. 20, 1777; and Jason, born May 19, 1781.

(V) Philo Hopson, son of Linus Hopson, was born in Wallingford, Conn., Nov. 16, 1767. He lived for a time after his marriage in the place of his birth, then moved to Chautauqua county, N. Y. From Chautauqua county he went to Virginia, and there all trace of him was lost. He married, in Branford, Conn., Dec. 11, 1791, Anna Norton, who died in Chautauqua county in 1809. (See Norton XVIII.). Children: Stephen, Linus, Lyman, Sarah, born in 1801, Harry, and Philo, Jr.

(VI) Lyman Hopson, son of Philo Hopson, was born in Wallingford, Conn., in 1799. He was a lad of ten years when the family moved to Chautauqua county, locating near Hartfield, and in this vicinity he became a land owner and farmer, his death occurring in 1853. He married, in 1823, Nancy Barnhardt, born in Som-

erset county, Pa., in 1797, died in Hartfield, N. Y., in 1858, daughter of Peter and Molly (Boyer) Barnhardt. Children: Martha, born in August, 1824; Amy Priscilla, born Nov. 1, 1825; Eliza Ann, born in 1828; Nelson, of whom further; John and Peter (twins), born in 1836.

(VII) Nelson Hopson, son of Lyman Hopson, was born in Hartfield, Chautauqua county, N. Y., June 27, 1832, and died Oct. 5, 1909, one hundred years after his grandfather first came to Chautauqua county. He was a successful and substantial farmer, and both he and his wife were members and liberal supporters of the Methodist Episcopal church of Mayville. Politically he was a Prohibitionist, and did active work for the party. He married, March 29, 1852, Marilla Fuller, born Dec. 12, 1828, died at Mayville, April 8, 1913, daughter of Joseph and Lydia (Lewis) Fuller. Children, all born in Hartfield, N. Y.: Nancy Viola, born March 17, 1853; Newell Philo, born Feb. 18, 1855; Harry Benjamin, of whom further; and Jane, born Sept. 28, 1868.

(VIII) Harry Benjamin Hopson, son of Nelson Hopson, was born in Hartfield, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Sept. 14, 1857. He attended the district school until his fourteenth year, when he entered the Fredonia Normal School, where his sister Nancy Viola had graduated at an earlier date. The four children of Nelson and Marilla (Fuller) Hopson all attended the Fredonia Academy, and the daughters graduated from the Fredonia Normal School. It has been characteristic of the Hopson men to marry at an early age, and Harry B. Hopson was no exception. In 1879 he married Adelaide J. Gleason, oldest daughter of Charles and Lucy Ann (Slocum) Gleason.

Mr. Hopson engaged in the wholesale ice business at Mayville at about this time, and established one of the oldest and largest businesses of its kind on Chautauqua Lake, building three different plants, all at the head of the lake. This enterprise came to employ more men than almost any other concern, and the firm of Hopson & Carlson, later known as the H. B. Hopson Ice Company, has survived many other natural ice businesses of this region. In 1892 Mr. Hopson and his brother purchased the old Sweet farm, a large grape farm two miles east of Westfield. In 1903 he became owner of the Prendergast homestead, a grape farm of 120 acres, on the east side of the main road of Westfield. He often delighted in telling his friends that when a small boy he had driven by this beautiful home with his father, and had resolved that at some time he would own this place. The beautiful old house is of splendid Jacobean architecture, and is situated on the south side of the road facing Lake Erie, approached through an avenue of magnificent old maples. It is known as Rowan Place, from the English name of the mountain ash trees found on the grounds in front of the house. Here Mr. Hopson made his home until his death in 1912.

Mr. Hopson was a staunch Democrat, and although he did not care for politics, he filled many offices of trust in the village of Mayville, then his home. He was a communicant of St. Peter's Episcopal Church of Westfield, and in the Masonic order was a member of lodge, chapter, commandery, and consistory. He was

highly esteemed not only in his own community, but throughout Chautauqua county and Western New York, where he was well known. He possessed a magnetic personality, which not only endeared him to his family and his many loyal friends, but caused him to be highly regarded in a large circle of acquaintances. Aside from his business he was a man of many interests. He was passionately fond of music and the stage, and always felt himself fortunate to have lived in the days of Booth, Barrett, McCullough, Clara Morris, and their contemporaries. From his mother's family, the Fullers, he inherited a great love for fine horses, and preferred sitting behind his little Kentucky bred pacer than driving an automobile. He enjoyed the reputation of being the most genial and affable man among his friends, in his clubs, and in fraternal organizations, but one of his strongest characteristics was his independence and his extreme aversion to all sham and pretense wherever and whenever it was met.

Mrs. Hopson, who survives him, was educated in the grammar and high schools of Mayville and afterward took a course in elocution. She was a member of the Episcopal church, and later adopted the Christian Science faith, now (1920) being first reader in the Christian Science church in Westfield. She was a lady of culture and refinement, a lover of nature and art, and a member of Patterson Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. Children of Harry Benjamin and Adelaide J. (Gleason) Hopson, all born in Mayville: 1. Lucy Marilla, of whom further. 2. Sarah Rowena, born Aug. 22, 1884, educated in the public schools of Westfield, Darlington Seminary, at West Chester, Pa., and the Philadelphia School of Design; she married John Calvin Powers, a business man of New York City, and they reside in East Orange, N. J.; they are the parents of one child, Mary Adelaide. 3. Maude Viola, born July 30, 1886, educated in Westfield schools, Vila Convent School, of Erie, and Painesville College for Women; lives at home. 4. Harold Sherman, born Oct. 26, 1892, educated in Westfield schools and the College of Technology, of Troy, N. Y. 5. Harry Benjamin, Jr., born Dec. 28, 1897, educated in public schools and St. John's Academy at Manlius, N. Y.; associated with Doubleday, Hill & Company, of Pittsburgh; married Margaret Belmont. 6. Charles Gleason, born May 29, 1900; attended Westfield schools, now a student in the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md.

(IX) Lucy Marilla Hopson was born March 2, 1882. She is a graduate of Mayville High School and Buffalo State Normal schools. She married Thomas W. Usborne, who was born in Westfield, N. Y., April 21, 1881, son of William and Martha (Van Ness) Usborne. Mr. Usborne attended the Westfield schools, and after graduation from the high school entered the National Bank of Westfield in the capacity of clerk. He rose to the office of teller, and after twelve years resigned to accept the cashiership of the National Bank of North East. This responsible position he filled until 1912. He resigned in this year because of the death of his father-in-law, and his appointment as executor and trustee of the estate of Mr. Hopson. He has faithfully administered this estate to the present time, to the complete satisfaction of those most intimately concerned, and has labored diligently in their interest. Mr. Usborne has



given much time and study to the breeding of Guernsey cattle, and is first vice-president of the Guernsey Cattle Association of Western New York. He is active in many circles in Westfield, and is president of the Chamber of Commerce, where his progressive beliefs and ideas have resulted in benefit to his city, and vice-president of the Western New York Guernsey Cattle Club. He is a member of the Episcopal church. Mr. Usborne showed a special aptitude for music when quite young, and during his early school life it was with difficulty that he was not permitted from neglecting his studies to practice on various band instruments. During his later school period he took up the study of music in a serious way on his own account, devoting much time to the study of music, musicians and harmony, and later settled down to playing his favorite instrument, the slide trombone, which instrument he has played ever since, professionally and otherwise. Much to his regret his other duties do not permit of his devoting as much time to music as he would like. Mrs. Usborne is a member and ex-secretary of Patterson Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, of Westfield, and is a charter member of the Ladies' Library Society of Westfield. She is interested in civic affairs and current events, inherits a talent for elocution from her mother, and is fond of genealogical research, having contributed valuable material to the family records.

## (The Shattuck Line).

(1) William Shattuck was born in England, 1621, and died in Watertown, Mass., Aug. 14, 1672. He married, 1642, Susanne ———, who died in Watertown, Dec. 11, 1686.

(11) William (2) Shattuck, son of William (1) and Susanne Shattuck, was born in Watertown, Mass., in 1653, and died Oct. 19, 1732. He married, 1678, Susanna Randall, born in Watertown, Mass., died May 8, 1723, daughter of Stephen Randall.

(111) Rev. Benjamin Shattuck, son of William (2) and Susanna (Randall) Shattuck, was born in Watertown, Mass., July 30, 1687, died in Littleton, Conn. He graduated at Harvard, June 17, 1709. He engaged to teach grammar school and taught until 1715. He studied Divinity and was ordained, and became first minister of Littleton, Conn., Dec. 25, 1717. He married, 1709, Martha Sherman, born Sept. 1, 1689, in Watertown, Mass., died in Littleton, Conn., daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Winship) Sherman. Joseph Sherman was a son of Captain John and Martha (Porter) Sherman, the latter named a daughter of Rodger and Grace (Colledge) Porter. Elizabeth (Winship) Sherman was a daughter of Edward Winship, of Cambridge.

(1V) Timothy Shattuck, son of Rev. Benjamin and Martha (Sherman) Shattuck, was born in Watertown, Mass., 1715, died in 1775-76. He lived in Littleton and Middletown, Conn. He married, in Wallingford, Conn., Nov. 5, 1740, Desire Hall, daughter of Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Curtis) Hall.

(V) Martha Shattuck, daughter of Timothy and Desire (Hall) Shattuck, born in Middletown, Conn., April 15, 1746, married Lieutenant Linus Hopson. (See Hopson IV.).

## (The Norton Line).

The Norton family of Norwich, of whom the late Henry B., Timothy P. and William T. Norton were the founders, is one of the oldest families of Connecticut. Thomas Norton, the founder of the family in New England, was born in the County of Surrey, England, and was descendant in the fourteenth generation from

(I) Le Sieur de Norville, who came to England with William the Conqueror, and was his constable. He married into the house of Valois.

(II) Sr. de Norville married into the house of Barr.

(III) Sr. de Norville married into the house of Dolbermonto.

(IV) Sr. de Norville married Auelina, daughter of Neuil De Witt, of Raby.

(V) Sr. de Norville married Jorica, daughter of Sieur Dumpre de Court.

(VI) Sr. de Norville, alias Norton, married the daughter of Sir John Hadsooke.

(VII) Sr. de Norville, alias Norton, married the daughter and co-heiress of Monseigneur Bassingbourne.

(VIII) Sir John Norton, alias Norville, married the daughter of the Lord Grey de Ruthyn.

(IX) John Norton, of Sharpshew, in Bedfordshire,

(X) John Norton, of Sharpshew, married a daughter of Mr. Danie. She married for her second husband John Cowper.

(XI) Thomas Norton, of Sharpshew, married (first) Elizabeth Merry.

(XII) Richard Norton married Margery, daughter of Wingar, of Sharpshew.

(XIII) William Norton married (first) Margaret, daughter of William Howes. Among his children was Thomas, of Guilford, Conn.

(XIV) Thomas Norton married, in 1623, Grace Wells, and with his wife and children came from Ockley, Surrey, near Guilford, England, to Boston, Mass., 1639. There he remained a short time, and while there his wife gave the land on which the old South Church was built. He joined Rev. Henry Whitfield's company of the New Haven Colony, locating at Guilford, where he spent the remainder of his life, and where he died. He and his wife had four children: Thomas, born about 1626, who settled in Saybrook, Conn.; John, of whom further; Grace; Mary, who married Samuel Rockwell.

(XV) John Norton, son of Thomas and Grace (Wells) Norton, born in England, came to the New World with his parents and located at Guilford, Conn., where he spent the remainder of his life, and where he died. He married (first) Hannah Stone, and (second) Elizabeth Hubbard. Children: John, born Nov. 18, 1666, died Jan. 10, 1667; John, born May 29, 1668; Samuel, born Oct. 4, 1672, married Abigail Ward, Jan. 25, 1693; Thomas, of whom further; Hannah, born Feb. 4, 1678, married Ebenezer Stone, Jan. 16, 1702; Jeruiah, married Simon Leete; Elijah; Benjamin; Martha.

(XVI) Thomas Norton, son of John Norton, was born in Guilford, March 4, 1675, died in 1744. He married, May 28, 1701, Rachel Starr, born 1681, at Guilford, daughter of Comfort and Marah (Weld) Starr.

Rachel (Starr) Norton, died Sept. 30, 1755. Children: Rachel, born May 12, 1702; Thomas, of whom further; Daniel, born Jan. 17, 1707; Reuben, born April 6, 1711; Leah, born April 3, 1715; Evin, born Nov. 8, 1718; Timothy, born Feb. 3, 1721.

(XVII) Thomas (2) Norton, son of Thomas (1) and Rachel (Starr) Norton, was born Oct. 4, 1704, died Sept. 8, 1768. He married Bethiah ———, about 1724.

(XVIII) Thomas (3) Norton, son of Thomas (2) and Bethiah Norton, married, May 29, 1761, Mercy Tyler, born in 1737, died in Branford, Oct. 21, 1824. Children: Mattie, born in Branford, Oct. 20, 1761; Timothy, born in Branford, Dec. 18, 1762, died next day; Thomas, Jr., married Sarah Potter, Nov. 16, 1789; Anna, married Philo Hopson, Dec. 11, 1791, at Branford. (See Hopson V.).

(The Gleason Line).

The Gleason family herein traced was founded in America by Thomas Gleason, who was born in North Hampton, England, in 1607. Thomas Gleason located at Cambridge, Mass., and there died in 1686. He married Susanna Page, born in England, who died in Boston, Mass. They were the parents of nine children.

(I) William Gleason, the seventh child of Thomas Gleason, was born in Cambridge, Mass., in 1655, died there Jan. 14, 1690. With his brothers, Philip and Nathaniel, he was a soldier in King Philip's War. He married, about 1678, Abigail Bartlett, born about 1651, who was a widow, and she was the mother of his seven children.

(II) John Gleason, third son of William Gleason, was born in Cambridge, Mass., in 1683. He moved to Hartford county, Conn., settling on the Connecticut river, in the town of Enfield, where he died prior to Aug. 23, 1717. He married, in Suffield, Hartford county, Conn., Feb. 15, 1704, Hannah Woolworth, born Feb. 10, 1681, died in Suffield, in January, 1759, daughter of Richard and Hannah (Higgins) Woolworth, of Newbury, Mass. They were the parents of: John, of whom further; Hannah, born Feb. 23, 1708; Mary, born Oct. 10, 1709; Elizabeth, born May 24, 1713.

(IV) John (2) Gleason, only son of John (1) Gleason, was born in Enfield, Conn., Jan. 13, 1706, and there made his home. He married, about 1726, Sarah Robbins. The following children were all born in Enfield: John, born June 25, 1727; Deborah, born Jan. 27, 1731; Ephraim, born June 4, 1733; Hannah, born Jan. 24, 1735; Asa, born April 4, 1738; Ariel, of whom further; Hannah, born Dec. 24, 1747.

(V) Ariel Gleason, son of John (2) Gleason, was born in Enfield, Conn., Jan. 24, 1743, and there resided all his life. He married, about 1774, and was the father of Ariel, Enoch; Rufus, of whom further; and Elijah.

(VI) Rufus Gleason, son of Ariel Gleason, was born in Enfield, Conn., about 1777. He followed the occupation of miller, made his home in several places in Connecticut, and died in early manhood. He married, about 1796, Marian Granger, of Suffield, Conn., born May 27, 1776, daughter of Phineas and Elizabeth (Hall) Granger, her father a soldier of the Colonial army for more than four years during the Revolution, dying in the service. She was a descendant of Launcelot and

Joanna (Adams) Granger through Samuel and Esther (Hanchett) Granger, and Jeremiah and Thankful (Hale) Granger. Rufus Gleason was the father of seven children.

(VII) Rufus (2) Gleason, son of Rufus (1) Gleason, was born April 27, 1808, in Salisbury, Conn., and died in Mayville, Chautauqua county, N. Y., March 24, 1889. He settled in Chautauqua county in 1837. He married, in 1829, Melissa Sherman, born June 10, 1809, daughter of Robert and Tirzah (Smith) Sherman. Her father was a cavalry officer in the War of 1812, and died in Schoharie county, N. Y. Robert Sherman's widow was born in Boston, Mass., her father serving throughout the Revolution from Bunker Hill to the end of the war. She moved to Mayville and made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Rufus Gleason, at whose home she died May 14, 1863. Children of Rufus (2) Gleason: Albert, born in 1831; Charles, of whom further; William Sherman, born July 8, 1837; Adelaide Adelia, born Jan. 25, 1841; Ellen, born Dec. 15, 1844; Francis, born Sept. 29, 1848.

(VIII) Charles Gleason, son of Rufus (2) Gleason, was born in Montgomery county, N. Y., July 1, 1833. He resided in New York State for a time, later located at Mantorville, Minn., and subsequently moved to Florida. He married at Mantorville, Minn., Oct. 11, 1858, Lucy Ann Slocum, who was born at Linesville, Pa., Nov. 18, 1842, died in Westfield, N. Y., July 11, 1912, daughter of George Washington Sherman and Rhoda Cary Van Courtlandt (Mantor) Slocum. (See Slocum VII.).

(The Slocum Line).

The branch of the family of Slocum through which connection is made with the Gleason family was founded in Rhode Island by Anthony Slocum, who was born in Somersetshire, England, in 1590.

(I) The line continues through his son, Giles, who was born in Somersetshire, England, in 1618, and died in Portsmouth, R. I., in 1682. In 1655 he was a freeman in Portsmouth. He and his wife were both members of the Society of Friends. He married, in 1641, Joanna Bailey, who was born in England in 1615, died in Portsmouth, R. I., Aug. 3, 1679, daughter of John Bailey. Giles and Joanna Slocum were the parents of nine children.

(III) Eliezer Slocum, son of Giles Slocum, was born in Portsmouth, R. I., Oct. 25, 1664, died July 30, 1727. The following is a tradition that has come down through the family: There came to the Slocum homestead a maiden named Elephel Fitzgerald, daughter of the Earl of Kildare. An English army officer had fallen in love with her sister and the couple eloped to America, bringing with them Lady Elephel. Elephel became employed in the household of Giles Slocum, father of Eliezer, and the son fell in love with the fair stranger. The young people were chided (she doubtless being a Romanist) and were forbidden to continue their courtship. There are stories of this Portsmouth courtship, which have found their way down through more than two centuries, which hint at the incarceration of the maiden in the smoke house. The youth scaled the roof by night, crawled down the chimney, and rescued the maiden. And so they were married and came to Dartmouth and lived happily ever after. Children: Meri-



bah, born April 28, 1689; Mary, born Aug. 22, 1691; Eliezer, born Jan. 20, 1693-94; John, born Jan. 20, 1696-97; Benjamin, born Dec. 14, 1699; Joanna, born July 15, 1702; Ebenezer, of whom further.

(IV) Ebenezer Slocum, seventh child of Eliezer Slocum, was born in 1704, and resided in Newport, R. I. He married, Feb. 4, 1728, Bathsheba Perry Harper Hull, born in Jamestown, R. I., daughter of Tristram and Elizabeth (Dyer) Hull, a descendant of Rev. Joseph Hull and William Dyer, whose wife, Mary Dyer, was hung on Boston Common for her religious belief, June 1, 1660. Ebenezer Slocum was the father of nine children.

(V) Samuel Slocum, fourth child of Ebenezer Slocum, was born at Dartmouth, Bristol county, Mass., June 4, 1736. He located at Monkton, Vt., and there died in 1823. With his six brothers he was a soldier in the Colonial army in the Revolution, having volunteered from Tiverton, R. I. He married Ruth Hall, and they were the parents of seven children. (See Hall IV.).

(VI) Samuel (2) Slocum, son of Samuel (1) Slocum, was born at Newport, R. I., Nov. 15, 1785. He went to Vermont with his parents and later in life journeyed west to Nebraska, where his death occurred, having also passed a period of time in Crawford, Pa. He served in the American army in the second war with Great Britain, and was in the action at Plattsburg. His death occurred Nov. 3, 1865. He married, in Rhode Island, in November, 1811, Mary Gardiner Sherman, born at Narragansett, Washington county, R. I., in 1791, daughter of Captain Henry (2) and Mary Elizabeth (Gardiner) Sherman. (See Sherman V.). They were the parents of ten children, as follows: Henry Gardiner, born Sept. 3, 1812; Samuel Elliot, born June 1, 1815; Elizabeth, born Oct. 2, 1816; George Washington Sherman, of whom further; Fitzgerald, born Nov. 15, 1820; Ruth, born Feb. 27, 1822; Ann Robinson, born April 29, 1825; Lucy Dailey, born 1827; Amanda Sherman, born Aug. 7, 1828; Manley Leanidas, born Oct. 23, 1832.

(VII) Judge George Washington Slocum, son of Samuel (2) Slocum, was born in Monkton, Addison county, Vt., Aug. 7, 1818. In 1834 he went with his parents to Crawford county, Pa., and there married, Sept. 30, 1841, Rhoda Cary Van Courtlandt Mantor, who was born in Albany county, N. Y., Dec. 12, 1820. In 1854 they went west to the southeastern part of Minnesota, locating at Mantorville, the county seat of Dodge county. In 1855 Mr. Slocum was appointed on its first board of commissioners by Willis A. Gorman, territorial governor. He was elected justice of the peace in Mantorville in 1858, holding that office for more than twenty-five years; was for several years clerk of the Probate Court, and was elected judge of the County Court for a four-year term. He was a man of importance and standing in the community. He died March 24, 1904, in Washington, Pa., his wife's death having occurred in Mantorville, June 25, 1865. They were the parents of seven children, as follows: Lucy Ann, married Charles Gleason. (See Gleason VIII.); Frank Mantor, born in 1843; Emma Josephine; Mary Minerva; Augusta Eveline, born Sept. 29, 1850; Samuel; Sara Lydia, born July 23, 1861.

(The Hall Line).

On the 8th day of the eighth month, 1638, the name of William Hall was one of a list of fifty-nine persons admitted inhabitants of an island on the coast of Rhode Island, now called Aquidneck. In 1639, William Hall was an inhabitant of Newport, R. I. On the 27th day of the fifth month, 1644, a parcel of land in Portsmouth, R. I., was granted to William Hall by the town. His name was on the list of freemen, Portsmouth, 1655. William Hall sold, on the 6th day of the seventh month, 1654, to Richard Sisson, of Portsmouth, 1-300 of an island called Canonicut, and 1-300 of Dutch Island. William Hall was commissioner to the General Court from Portsmouth, in 1654-56-60-63, and he was deputy from Portsmouth to the General Assembly in 1665-66-67-68-72-73. In 1673 he was appointed on a committee for the purpose of treating with the Indians about drunkenness, and to seriously counsel them, and to agree on some way to prevent extreme excess of Indian drunkenness. Five chiefs are named, among whom is the name of the famous Philip of Mount Hope, called King Philip, with whom the committee should treat.

James Usher, genealogist, of No. 9 Murray street, New York City, says:

We have the trans-Atlantic trace of William Hall, clergyman. He is believed to be the same William Hall who was a writer in London, and continued the "Fab you Chronical" begun by Sir Thomas Moore. And there is added authority to believe a connection existed between William Hall and the Lord Chancellor's family. William Hall, of London, went out of record there in 1638, the same year that William Hall began record in Rhode Island. Thomas Clement, a connection of the Moors, was an original founder of Portsmouth, R. I., and was a neighbor of William Hall, and the administrator of his estate.

William Hall made his will on the 20th day of the eleventh month, 1673. The will was probated on the 19th day of the second month, 1676. He married Mary ——. Children: Zurill, William, Benjamin, Elizabeth, Rebecca, and Deliverance.

(II) Benjamin Hall, son of William and Mary Hall, was born in Portsmouth, R. I. He was admitted freeman of Portsmouth, April 30, 1678; was appointed justice, May 3, 1704, and 1709; was deputy to the General Assembly, May 6, 1701, and May 3, 1704, Feb. 25, 1706, and 1707, May, 1713, and 1714. He married, July 27, 1676, Frances Parker, daughter of George Parker, of Portsmouth, R. I. Children: Mary, born April 3, 1678; William, born Aug. 19, 1680; Benjamin, of whom further; George, born June 29, 1685; Nathaniel, born June 20, 1689.

(III) Benjamin (2) Hall, son of Benjamin (1) and Frances (Parker) Hall, was born June 17, 1682, in Portsmouth, R. I. He married, in Portsmouth, R. I., April 18, 1716, Patience Corey, daughter of William Corey, of Portsmouth, R. I. Children: Martha, born March 27, 1717; Frances, born April 4, 1719; William, born March 27, 1721; Patience, born April 6, 1723; Rebecca, born Jan. 5, 1726; Benjamin, of whom further.

(IV) Benjamin (3) Hall, son of Benjamin (2) and Patience (Corey) Hall, was born in Portsmouth, R. I., May 21, 1729. He married, in Portsmouth, 1749, Deliverance Cornell. (See Cornell). Children: George, born Nov. 24, 1749; Parker, born June 17, 1751; Patience, born April 5, 1753; William, born Nov. 24,

1754; Ruth, married Samuel Slocum, son of Ebenezer Slocum, April 17, 1778. (See Slocum V.).

(The Cornell Line).

Thomas Cornell, born in 1595, in Essex county, England, died in 1655. He married Rebecca Briggs, born in 1600, died Feb. 8, 1673.

(II) Thomas (2) Cornell, married ———, and died in 1673.

(III) Thomas (3) Cornell, born in 1657, died in 1714. He married Susannah Lawton.

(IV) George Cornell, born in 1676, died in 1752, at Newport, R. I. He married three wives. The second wife, Deliverance (Clark) Cornell, was daughter of Governor Walter Clark, of Rhode Island, and Hannah (Scott) Cornell, daughter of Jeremy Scott.

(V) Richard Cornell, was born June 14, 1709. In 1745 he was made freeman of Portsmouth. In 1749 he moved to East Greenwich and bought land two and one-half miles east of the village. At close of eighteenth century he bought two other parcels of land. He married, at Newport, Mary Martin, of Portsmouth, R. I., Dec. 10, 1730. Mary Martin was daughter of Joseph and Mary Martin. Children: Philadelphia, born Sept. 22, 1731; Deliverance, born June 18, 1733 (see Hall IV.); Elizabeth, born Nov. 30, 1734; Joseph, born April 16, 1737; Mary, born May 17, 1739; Sarah, born July 12, 1740; Abigail, born July 6, 1744; Ruth, born Sept. 9, 1748.

(The Sherman Line).

This line of Sherman traces to the Hon. Philip Sherman, who was born in Dedham, England, Feb. 5, 1610, and died in Portsmouth, R. I., in 1687. In 1634 he came to New England and settled first in Roxbury, Mass. At the time of the Ann Hutchinson troubles in Boston, about 1637, he took the popular side, but as Governor Winthrop finally prevailed, he removed with others of the same opinion to Rhode Island. Here the company met Roger Williams, who advised them to purchase the island of Aquidneck from the Indians. This purchase was completed March 24, 1638, a regular government was established July 1, 1639, with Coddington as governor, and Philip Sherman as secretary. He frequently held office in the colony afterward, and was consulted by those in authority as a man of intelligence, wealth and influence. The early record of the settlement, prepared by him, still remains in Portsmouth, and shows him to have been a very neat and careful penman, as well as a man of education. After his removal to Rhode Island he left the Congregational church and united with the Society of Friends. He is said to have been a devout but determined man. He married Sarah Odding, daughter of Mrs. John Porter.

(II) Eber Sherman, son of Hon. Philip Sherman, was born in 1634, and died in North Kingston, Washington county, R. I., in 1706. He and his wife Mary were the parents of seven children.

(III) Eber (2) Sherman, son of Eber (1) Sherman, was born in North Kingston, R. I. He married, about 1706, Martha Remington, born in 1683, daughter of John and Abigail (Davis) Remington.

(IV) Henry Sherman, son of Eber (2) Sherman, was born Jan. 14, 1724. He married, in 1747, Ann Higgin-

botham, born 1730, daughter of Charles and Mary Higginbotham, of Cranston, R. I.

(V) Captain Henry (2) Sherman, son of Henry (1) Sherman, was born at South Kingston, R. I., March 31, 1759. He was a minute-man at the battles of Lexington and Bunker Hill, and served throughout the Revolution. In 1777 he was commissioned ensign in Colonel Sherburne's regiment, was later taken prisoner by the British at Paramus, five miles north of Paterson, N. J., and in 1781 was returned to duty in an exchange of prisoners. He became a lieutenant in Colonel Green's Rhode Island regiment, and was honorably discharged, June 15, 1783, with the rank of captain. He was granted a pension, April 13, 1813. He died at South Kingston, June 7, 1830. He married Mary Elizabeth Gardiner, of Kingston, R. I. Mary Gardiner, their daughter, born 1791, married Samuel Slocum. (See Slocum VI.).

**FRANCIS D. STEELE**—This branch of the Steele family, well known in Jamestown and in the county generally, traces descent from Rudolph Stahle, a native of Switzerland, of German antecedents. Rudolph Stahle came to New York State at the age of twenty-one, and was a resident of Livingston Manor on the Upper Hudson, in 1711, when he responded to a call for volunteers to march against the French and Indians. From Livingston Manor he moved to Schoharie county, and thence to the Upper Mohawk Valley, where he was granted large tracts of land. He owned considerable land at German Flats, in 1755, his property being known as the "Rudolph Staley Patent" as it is to this day. Stables were foremost in the early history of that section of the Mohawk Valley, and in course of time the name became anglicised as Steele. The children of Rudolph Stahle that can be traced are three sons: Dieterich, Adam, and Rudolph (2); and two daughters: Elizabeth, and Barbara. The sons all fought in the French and Indian War.

Dieterich Stahle, the eldest son, and his wife, Margaretta, were the parents of a son, George, of whom further.

George Stahle, son of Dieterich and Margaretta Stahle, was a soldier of the Revolution. He married Dorothea Schumacher. They were the parents of four children: Elizabeth, born in 1777, married Jacob Totts; Adam, born March 1, 1779; Rudolph, born Aug. 13, 1786, and Maria Barbara, born May 11, 1788.

Adam Stahle, son of George and Dorothea (Schumacher) Stahle, a soldier of the War of 1812, settled at Sacket Harbor, N. Y. He married Elizabeth Dygert, born April 3, 1783, daughter of Captain William Dygert, who served with General Herkimer at the battle of Oriskany. They were the parents of seven children: George, Dolly, William, Nancy, John Adam, Hiram, and Abraham. In this generation the name in this branch became Steele.

John Adam Steele, son of Adam and Elizabeth (Dygert) Stahle, was born at Sacket Harbor, N. Y., Aug. 14, 1814, died in Jamestown, N. Y., Dec. 17, 1879. He came to Beaver Dam, six miles from Corry, Pa., with his parents and helped clear the farm upon which they settled. He had few school opportunities, and when a lad of but fourteen years he left home and



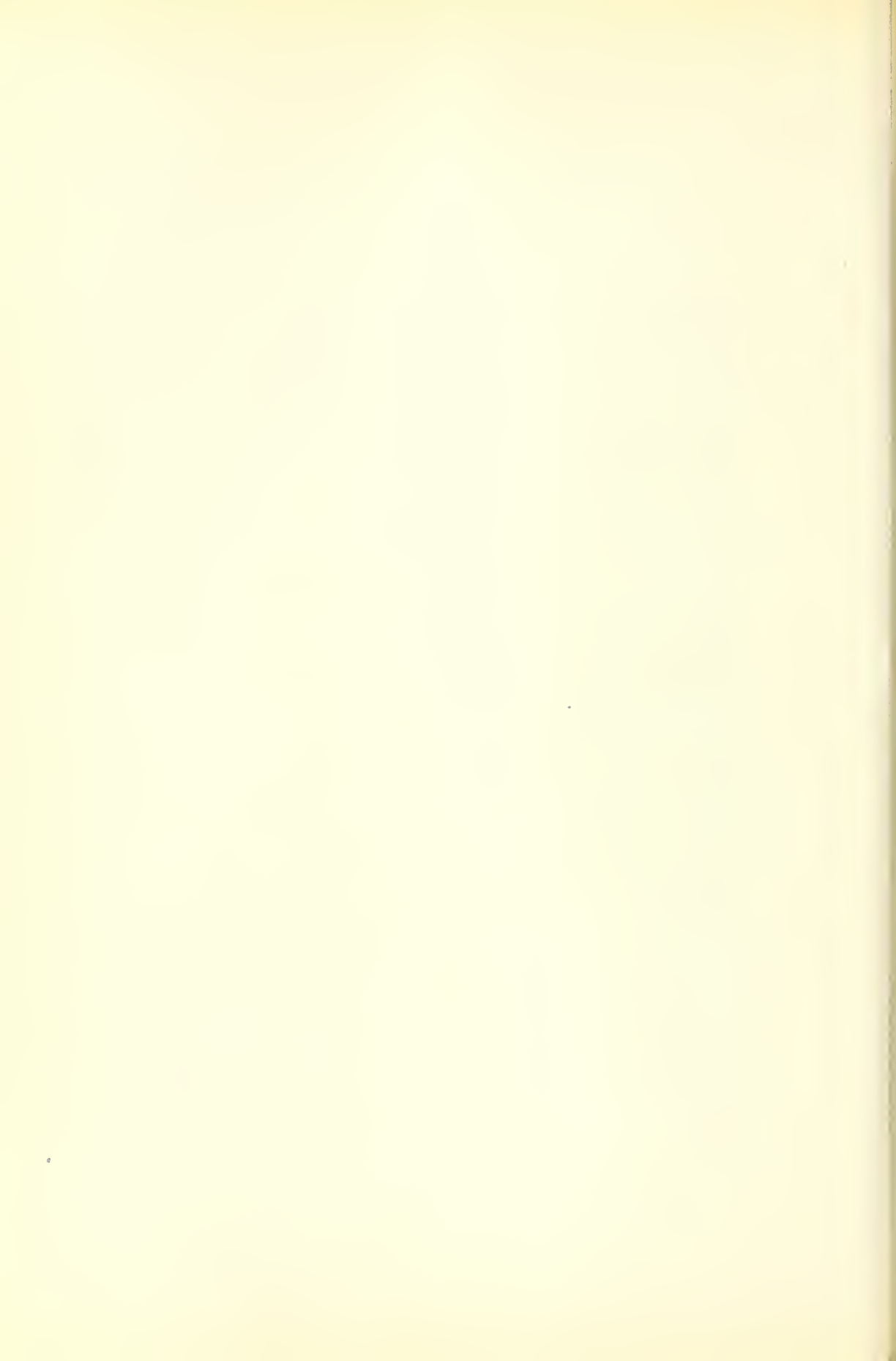


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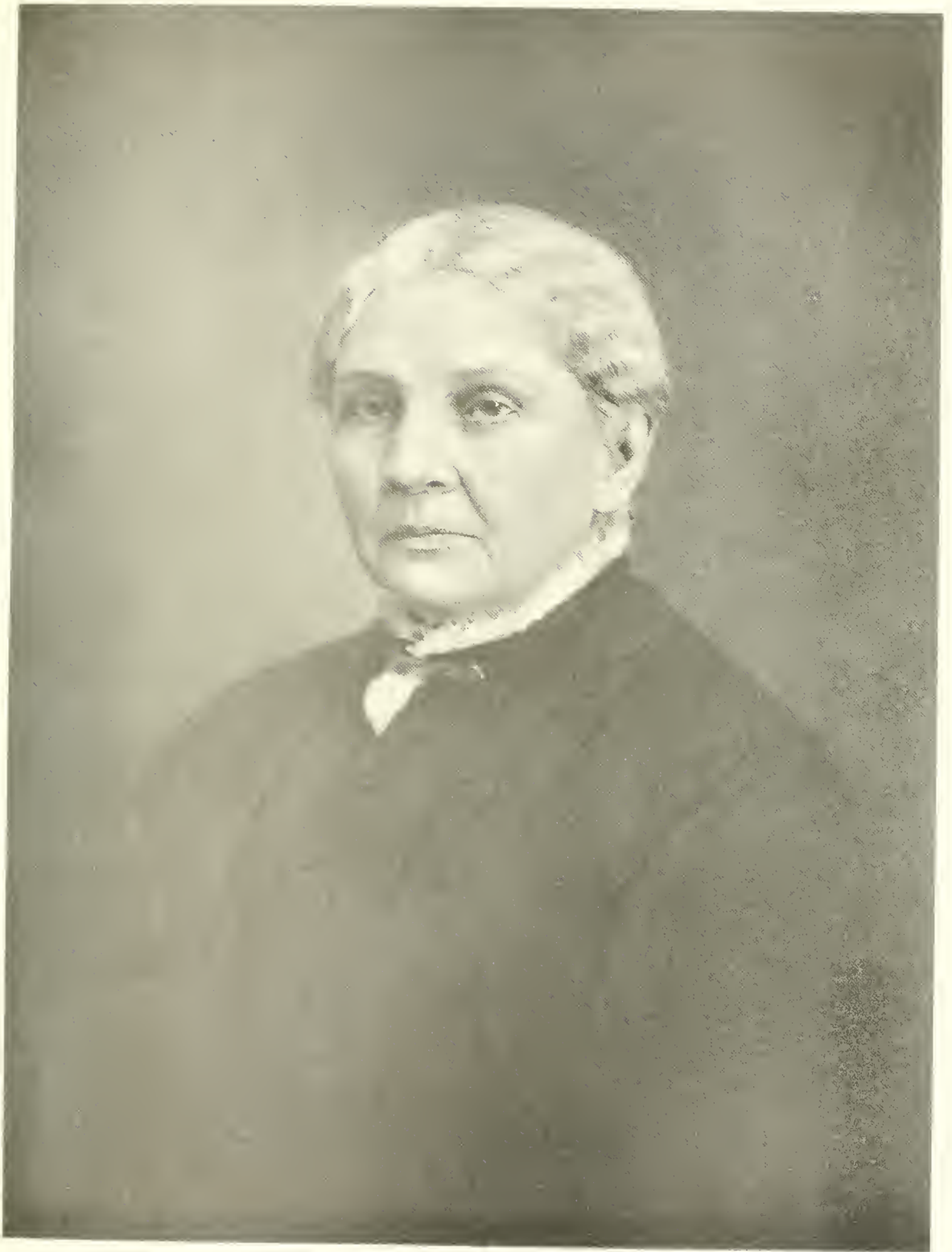






James Wilson, Jr.





Maria L. Wilson



walked to Jamestown, N. Y., where he obtained employment at fifty cents per day. His first work was digging a ditch, but he was used to hard work, and when his employer, Mr. Barrows, inspected his first day's work he was so gratified that he gave him a silver dollar for his day's work instead of the half dollar promised. The lad did not remain in Jamestown, but returned to the farm at Beaver Dam, near Corry, and resumed work with his father and brothers at clearing. Later he became very much discontented, and one day while in the timber he intentionally broke his axe and again left home and walked the distance between Corry and Jamestown. This was in 1828, and from that time until his death he was a resident of Jamestown, N. Y.

He found employment in the sash and blind factory owned by Levi C. Barrows, with whom he remained several years. Although he came to Jamestown with only a dollar of capital, he so thriftily managed his finances that when opportunity offered to enter business for himself he had the necessary capital. His first business venture was as a partner with William Levi and James Sprague in the foundry business. He continued a partner in the Jamestown Foundry Company for thirty years, then sold out his interest and purchased a tract of land in Jamestown, North Side, containing 70 acres. For ten years he cultivated that tract, then for a short time again entered the foundry business. He came into possession of the same foundry he formerly had, and after disposing of all the machinery, he converted the building into grist mills, known as the Brooklyn Mills. He operated that mill for a short time in association with his son, but continued to reside on his farm, where he died in 1879 and was buried in Lakeview Cemetery. Mr. Steele was a member of the Presbyterian church, a Republican, a man of enterprise and progress, and a good citizen.

He married Hannah M. Chapman, born April 25, 1815, died July 5, 1878, who rests with her husband in Lakeview Cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. John Adam Steele were the parents of two children: Albert, born in 1845, died 1858; Francis D., to whose memory this review is dedicated.

Francis D. Steele, youngest son of John Adam and Hannah M. (Chapman) Steele, was born in Jamestown, N. Y., June 4, 1846, died in the city of his birth, Nov. 3, 1907, and was buried in Lakeview Cemetery. He was educated in private schools and in old Jamestown Academy, and after completing his school years entered business life as his father's associate in his various business enterprises. When the Brooklyn Mills were started, Francis D. took charge of their operation, and after the death of John Adam Steele continued them for several years. He was also for a time interested with Dr. Martin in the ownership and operation of the steamer "May Martin" on Chautauqua Lake. He was also largely interested in the development of real estate, laying out the 70-acre tract on the South West Side into building lots, upon which he built several houses. His home was on Fenton avenue, Jamestown, and there he died. Mr. Steele was a Republican in politics, a member of the Fireman's Association for seven years, and an attendant of the Methodist Epis-

copal church. He was devoted to his home and family, and was highly esteemed by his many friends.

Francis D. Steele married, Sept. 21, 1860, Ida M. Wilson, daughter of James and Maria S. (Lydell) Wilson. (See Wilson line following). Mrs. Steele survives her husband, a resident of Jamestown, residing on Church street. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and a lady highly respected by all who know her. Mr. and Mrs. Francis D. Steele were the parents of two children: 1. Harry A., born July 7, 1876, now connected with the Art Metal Works, Syracuse, N. Y.; he is a member of the Masonic order and of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. 2. Frances D., born Dec. 2, 1882, married William H. Miller, of Williamsport, Pa., now residing in New York City.

**LYDELL L. WILSON**—A native son of Chautauqua, Lydell L. Wilson is of the family of Wilson who came to Chautauqua from Pennsylvania. Mr. Wilson has spent his business life in lumber manufacturing and dealing and is one of the successful men of that business.

The Wilson family herein reviewed is of Scotch ancestry, and the progenitor of the family was influenced to leave his home in Scotland by his kinsman, James Wilson, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. This Mr. Wilson never reached the shores of America, but died on the voyage and was buried at sea. His widow landed with her children in Philadelphia, one of her sons, James, being then fourteen years of age. Mrs. Wilson was a woman of strong character and faced the burdens of widowhood in a strange land with a courage that never faltered. The boys of the family were apprenticed to useful trades, but the girls she kept with her until they married. In later years she married a second husband, a Mr. Reese, of Warren, Pa.

James Wilson, their son, was born in Scotland, and was fourteen years old when he landed in Philadelphia. He married, in 1809, Elizabeth Porter, a Quakeress, of English parentage.

They settled in Westmoreland county, Pa., and when their second son, James (2), was an infant, the family came on horseback to Chautauqua county, N. Y., each parent with a child and a camping outfit on the horse with them. They made camp their first night in Chautauqua county, on the banks of Cassadaga creek, under the shelter of clustering pines, and in the morning awoke to find a light snow had fallen during the night. James Wilson secured a grant of land in the town of Ellicott, on the banks of the Chadakoin river, on the north side of the State road, there cleared land and built a house. He enlisted in the War of 1812, as a private in Captain John Silsbe's company, McMahan's regiment, New York Militia, and on Dec. 30, 1813, was wounded at Black Rock. Several years later he was granted a yearly pension of \$48, which he drew until his death. James Wilson was engaged in buying and rafting pine shingles to Pittsburgh, piloting his own rafts. He was a very religious man, an exhorter in the Methodist Episcopal church and a good singer. He was leader of the choir in the Methodist church at Jamestown, now the Independent Congregational Church. He was granted two quarter sections of land

for his war services and continued his activities in farming and lumbering until his death in 1866. His wife, Elizabeth (Porter) Wilson, was a true pioneer, strong and most courageous. She endured the dangers and privations of pioneer life and contributed largely towards her husband's success in life. They were the parents of five sons and four daughters, all of whom lived to a good age and were among the respected citizens of their community.

James Wilson, Jr., son of James and Elizabeth (Porter) Wilson, was born in Westmoreland county, Pa., in April, 1811, and died in Jamestown, N. Y., in February, 1893. He was educated in the public schools of his native county, and in early life engaged with his father in the lumber business, also becoming an expert pilot of lumber rafts. He joined with his father in the purchase of timber lands in Indiana, converting the timber into lumber in their own mill and freighting it to a profitable market. He married, November, 1811, Maria S., daughter of Luther and Betsey (MacConick) Lydell, and granddaughter of Luther Lydell, Sr., who came from England to America at the close of the Revolutionary War. He married Asenath Bill, a niece of Ethan Allen, who lived nearly to the end of her century of life, dying in her one hundredth year. They were the parents of four sons and two daughters, Luther, Jr., being their youngest son. Luther Lydell, Jr., came to Chautauqua county in 1832, and settled on a farm in the town of Poland, where he engaged heavily in cattle raising. John MacConick, grandfather of Maria S. Wilson, came with his father, James MacConick, and brother, William MacConick, who served in the Revolutionary War. John MacConick enlisted as a minute-man in Captain John Nutting's company, Jan. 1, 1776, and was assigned to Colonel Prescott's regiment, and Sept. 4, 1779, enlisted and served for nine months in Captain Hugh Maxwell's company. Colonel John Bailey's regiment. He served throughout the entire war and participated in the battles of Harlem Heights, White Plains and Bunker Hill. He drew a Revolutionary pension until 1838. He married Abigail Hartson and lived in Exeter, Otsego county, N. Y., where he died. His son, William, was also in the battle of Bunker Hill. Children of James and Maria S. (Lydell) Wilson: 1. Laura M., born Nov. 2, 1842, married James McAllister. 2. Lillian W., born Feb. 27, 1847, married (first) Myron John Lyons, (second) Charles Ralph Gibson. 3. Mary L., born June 8, 1850, married Charles McAllister. 4. Ida M., born Aug. 21, 1852, married Francis D. Steele (q. v.). 5. Jessie M., born May 9, 1857. 6. Burton J., born May 9, 1857, married Laura Merz. 7. Lydell L., of whom further.

Lydell L. Wilson was born in the town of Poland, Chautauqua county, N. Y., April 5, 1859, son of James and Maria (Lydell) Wilson. He grew to manhood at the home farm, and obtained his education in the district school. He early became interested in lumbering, and during his early manhood spent two years in the Michigan lumber woods. He was with the Hortson Mill for two years, in Chautauqua county, then leased a mill at Moon Station, N. Y., operating it until its destruction by fire in 1885. He then filled his orders through the Hortson Mill, but in 1886 rebuilt his mill, and in 1888 erected a new mill at Moon Station. In 1890 he moved to the town of Gerry, and upon lands leased from Levi

Pratt erected "The Wilson Mills," a modern saw mill plant with an annual capacity of 15,000,000 feet of manufactured lumber, most of which is shipped to Jamestown and Buffalo. Mr. Wilson is a man of strong business ability, is untiring in his industry, and through his own efforts has won success in the business world. He married, Nov. 10, 1880, Anna Booth, daughter of James Booth, of Buffalo. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are the parents of five children: Alice M., Mertie D., Willis L., Nellie S., and Delbert, who died at camp during the late war.

**WILLIAM E. GOUCHER, D. D. S.**, of Jamestown, well known dental surgeon, was prominently identified with his profession for a quarter of a century, being in active practice here until his retirement in 1920. During those years he built up a large practice, and when he retired from active connection with the profession he so long had graced, the news was received with genuine regret. He came fairly by his professional instincts, being a son of Dr. Curtis N. Goucher, a physician of Girard, Ohio, and later of Erie, Pa., where he died in 1893. The elder Dr. Goucher was a leader in his profession, a man of affairs, and held in high esteem by all who knew him. He was a veteran of the Civil War, giving four years to his country's service, holding a medical commission.

Dr. William E. Goucher, son of Dr. Curtis N. and Emily (Kincaid) Goucher, was born in Girard, Ohio, March 29, 1872. He was educated in Corunna High School, Orchard Lake Military Academy, and the University of Michigan, entering the dental department of the last-named institution, whence he was graduated D. D. S., class of 1894. After graduating he became assistant to Dr. William Elgin, of Denver, Col., for six months, then associated himself with Dr. Assay, of San Jose, Cal., who was the secretary of the California State Board of Dental Examiners. Dr. Goucher had entire charge of Dr. Assay's practice while the latter served the commonwealth as examiner.

In the spring of 1896, Dr. Goucher came East, locating in Jamestown, N. Y., and in the fall of that year began practice in the Hall block at the corner of Main and Third streets. During the following years he built up a large practice, numbering among his patients prominent people of the county and surrounding counties of New York and Pennsylvania. Dr. Goucher retired from practice in the spring of 1920, feeling that he had justified himself in his profession, and he also wished to devote more time to his business interests, which are located in Oklahoma and Kentucky. Dr. Goucher's oil holdings, which he has been interested in for a number of years, have developed to large proportions during recent years, the companies with which he is associated having some of the most prominent oil men in the mid-west field connected with them.

Dr. Goucher's life in Jamestown is marked with noted success, for not only was he a leader in his profession but he has accomplished things in a civic way for the city which have proven a great public benefit. He was the first man who talked, labored and by all honorable means sought to convince the Jamestown school authorities of the value a dental clinic would be



to the health of the school children of the city, and was one of the dentists who volunteered to give a certain portion of their time to the work of the clinic without remuneration. So, too, he stood, the friend of every progressive movement looking toward a better, healthier Jamestown. Dr. Goucher was first to suggest a municipal milk plant, having first brought it to the attention of Mayor Carlson six years before it was finally endorsed by the people of Jamestown at a taxpayers' election.

Dr. Goucher was one of the founders of the Jamestown Dental Society, and in social and fraternal life connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Loyal Order of Moose, the Knights of Pythias, the Moon Brook Country Club, and in former years was a member of the Jamestown Club. Dr. Goucher is a member of St. Luke's Protestant Episcopal Church, and helpful in the various activities of the parish. He has always taken a deep interest in out-of-door sports, and with gun, rod and reel has hunted and fished in the woods and waters famed among sportsmen throughout the United States and Canada. Automobiling is another of his favorite recreations, and he was for a number of years an official member of the national, state and local automobile associations, serving as the first director of the National Automobile Association from Western New York, and the Jamestown Association as its first president. For a number of years he was a director of the New York State Automobile Association.

The chapter on Dental Surgery in this work from the pen of Dr. Goucher gives the reader a clear idea of his decided literary ability, his versatility and the wide range of his reading and research.

Dr. Goucher married (first) in Buffalo, N. Y., Nov. 23, 1898, MaBelle Wade, who died May 12, 1915, daughter of Alfred and Ella Wade. He married (second) in Jamestown, N. Y., Feb. 14, 1917, G. Lemar Hurlbert, daughter of George F. and Arietta (Vandervoort) Hurlbert. The family home is at No. 306 East Fourth street.

Dr. Goucher comes from a long line of ancestors, the line of descent tracing back to Colonial and pioneer stock, who have distinguished themselves as true servants of this land. His mother was a great-granddaughter of Ensign James Wilson, who wintered with General Washington at Valley Forge and served on his staff. On his father's side he is a direct descendant of the Gouchers who built the first brass cannon for the Revolutionary War, their factory being at Canajoharie, N. Y. One of the cannon manufactured by them was captured by the British and is now at the British Museum in London, and has the name of the makers cast on its side.

**JOHN W. DOUBLEDAY**—There are some lives that, in their ceaseless, indefatigable energy, are the cause of wonder to their fellows, and might well serve as a model to those that would achieve success. The men who are thus endowed undertake enterprises that would make the average man pause, apparently without fear of consequences, seeming impervious to the sting of discouragement, meeting reverses, not with the usual surrender of most men, but with the simple expedient

of trying again. The record of John W. Doubleday shows him to be a man of that character. He is a native of England, born there March 22, 1841, a son of Henry and Mary (Phillips) Doubleday, both of whom were natives of England and came to America in 1849, locating at Brooklyn, now New York City.

John W. Doubleday was but eight years old when he crossed the Atlantic in a sailing vessel, landing in New York, going at once to his new home in Brooklyn, where he attended the public schools. He was ambitious as a lad and soon found employment, his compensation for his work being two dollars and fifty cents a week, from which he had to pay two dollars per week for board, and twelve cents for ferry fare. At the age of sixteen he became a clerk in a large dry goods store in New York City, where he continued until 1863. However, he was not content, and that year he left for the oil regions of Western Pennsylvania and became a prospector. His operation in oil and gas proved remarkably successful. In partnership with others, they bought a gas plant for \$49,000. The company was formed, and Mr. Doubleday was elected secretary and manager. Through his keen business ability and untiring efforts, the business grew to such proportions that they were able to dispose of the plant in a year and a half for \$410,000. In 1880 he withdrew from the oil and gas fields, turning his attention to the manufacturing industry. This year he came to Jamestown and at once became interested in textile manufacturing and other enterprises. In 1889 he, with Mr. J. S. Patterson, purchased the controlling interests of the Jamestown Woolen Spinning Company and continued thus until 1896, when the company was incorporated under the name of The Empire Worsted Mills. The original stock of this company was one hundred thousand, which since its incorporation, through the shrewd business management of Mr. Doubleday, has greatly increased from one hundred thousand, with a large surplus, to one million stock, with a large surplus. The plant has been extensively improved by the erection of two four-storied buildings of brick and stone, with brick dye house, two weaving buildings, brick finishing plant and storage building. The floor space now in use comprises three hundred thousand feet, and boiler capacity increased from one hundred horse power to thirteen hundred. The corporation also owns the Acme Worsted Mills, employing nearly two hundred people. Nearly six hundred employees are on the pay roll of The Empire Worsted Mills. The products of these two mills have a distinct place in the textile market of the world and are sold through the company's offices in New York, Philadelphia, Boston and Chicago, with annual sales from two and a half million to three million dollars. Mr. Doubleday held the office of president of the company until he retired from active business in 1915, when he was elected president emeritus. The other members of the corporation are: L. M. Butman, president; W. D. Broadhead, vice-president, and G. W. Berquist, secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Doubleday was also interested in the steel industry. In 1889 he, with six others, organized the Duquesne Pennsylvania Steel Company at an investment of one million five hundred thousand dollars. Mr. Doubleday served as secretary of the company. This

enterprise, under Mr. Doubleday's management, also proved a success, and in 1892 it was sold to the Carnegie Steel Company, and this is now one of its largest plants.

Mr. Doubleday married (first) Maria L. Taylor, who bore him three children: Mary, who is the widow of E. D. Boyd, who resides in San Pedro, Los Angeles, Cal.; William, who is a fruit grower and resides at El Cajon, San Diego, Cal.; and Grace, who is wife of Rev. Charles W. Harris, and resides in Montana. Mr. Doubleday married (second) Nellie C. Thayer. By this union there were three children: Ethelbert, deceased; Edna, the wife of Rev. H. W. Georgi; Sybil, the wife of Frederick W. Mix, of Jamestown.

Mr. Doubleday is a member of Petrolia Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and the National Wool Manufacturers' Union. In political belief he is independent, voting for the man and measures which are for the best interests of the people. Mr. Doubleday and his wife are members of the Baptist church. They are much devoted to their family, and spend their winters in Southern California, where they have a beautiful home at San Diego.

The long and varied career of Mr. Doubleday has displayed balance and abilities as varied as the scenes in which they have been displayed, or the directions in which they have extended, but more especially has it been shown in those cardinal virtues of courage, honesty, and industry, without which there is no lasting achievement. He has been engaged during his life in many occupations, and among many different classes of people, but he has always proved himself a man among men and naturally has always been accorded a high place in their regard, and regardless of his large business interests he has always shown himself a devoted husband and father.

**EMERY W. FENTON**, who was for many years prominent in the manufacturing interests of Jamestown, N. Y., where his death occurred Aug. 9, 1909, at his home, No. 1392 East Second street, was a member of an old and distinguished New England family, which was founded here in the early Colonial period.

(I) Robert Fenton, the first ancestor of this branch of the Fenton family of which we have definite record, appears first at Woburn, Mass., in the year 1688. It is not known whence he came, but the probability seems to have been that he was of Welsh origin and was one of the early Welsh settlers in Massachusetts. He did not remain in Woburn for more than a few years, but went to Windham, Conn., where between May 30, 1693, and April 19, 1694, he was received as an inhabitant of the town. He located in the northern part of Windham, which afterwards became Mansfield, and is believed to have followed the trade of carpenter, as it was he who built the first bridge across the Natchaug river. He was one of the patentees of the town of Mansfield which was set off from Windham and made a town, Oct. 20, 1703. In 1707 he became one of the proprietors of that town, but left it prior to 1730 and located at Willington, where he died at the home of a son. He married Dorothy ——— and they were the parents of the following children: Robert, born Oct. 6, 1688, at Woburn,

Mass.; Francis, born July 22, 1690, at Woburn, and was one of the earliest settlers at Willington; Samuel, born at Mansfield; Bridget, born Aug. 14, 1695; Jacob, born April 5, 1698, and became one of the first settlers of Norwich, Vt.; Dorothy, born Sept. 4, 1700, and became the wife of Samuel Slafter; Anna, born July 7, 1703, and became the wife of John Rigbe; Violetta, born Aug. 20, 1706, and became the wife of John Harris; Ebenezer, mentioned below, and Abigail, a twin to Ebenezer, born Aug. 20, 1710.

(II) Ebenezer Fenton, son of Robert and Dorothy Fenton, was born Aug. 29, 1710, at Mansfield, and early in life removed to Willington with his parents. He was twice married and his first wife, whom he wedded Feb. 11, 1740, was Mehitable Tuttle, a daughter of Jonathan Tuttle, and they were the parents of the following children: Jonathan, born May 17, 1741; Ebenezer Jr., born April 15, 1743; Sarah, born Feb. 16, 1744; Nathan, born Feb. 9, 1746; Solomon, born June 23, 1749 who served for seven years in the War of the Revolution and was first lieutenant in a company of the Second Regiment in 1779; Lydia, born May 26, 1753, and became the wife of Jacob Barrows; Elijah, born Aug. 8, 1754 Ebenezer Fenton married (second) Aug. 26, 1762, Lydia Conant, a daughter of Malachi Conant, and they were the parents of the following children: Nathaniel, born March 26, 1764; Jacob, mentioned below; Mehitable born Jan. 18, 1767; Abigail, born Feb. 2, 1769; Robert born May 24, 1771; Justin, born Sept. 12, 1772; Malachi born April 9, 1776; and Robert, born Oct. 11, 1780.

(III) Jacob Fenton, son of Ebenezer and Lydia (Conant) Fenton, was born Nov. 5, 1765, in Connecticut and served in the Revolutionary War as a private in Captain Thomas Dana's company, which he joined May 23, 1781. This company formed a part of General David Waterbury's State brigade and of the battalion which was ordered to be raised for the defense of the post at Horse Neck and places adjacent. It was commanded by General Waterbury, who was also the commander of all the guards raised for the defense of the sea crafts from Horse Neck to New Haven inclusive. The force was composed of draft from the militia and amounted to a brigade of two battalions. In July it joined General Washington, while he was in camp at Phillipsburg, and for some time after was under the command of General Heath, on the Westchester line. Jacob Fenton came to Jamestown, Chautauqua county N. Y., in the year 1811, and established here a pottery kiln between what is now First and Second streets, and manufactured all kinds of earthenware. He died in 1822 at Jamestown. He married Lois Hurd, by whom he had nine children, one of whom was William, mentioned below.

(IV) William Fenton, son of Jacob and Lois (Hurd) Fenton, was born in Connecticut, in 1796, and came to Jamestown with his parents when fifteen years of age. Here he engaged in business with his father until the latter's death, when he continued to conduct it on his own account until 1826. He then admitted as a partner Samuel Whittimore, and they moved the establishment to Fluvanna, N. Y., and remained in active business there for thirteen years, when the partnership was dissolved. In 1839 Mr. Fenton returned to Jamestown where he continued to make his home until the close of



his life. He was prominent in local affairs and was elected justice of the peace, an office which he held for half a century. His death occurred in 1891, when nearly one hundred years of age. He was a Whig in politics during early life, but joined the Republican party upon its organization and was very active in its councils. He was also an active member of the Congregational church. He married in 1816, Hannah Tracy, a daughter of Elias Tracy, who served as a private in Captain Thomas Wheeler's company and Colonel Chapman's regiment in the Revolutionary War. William and Hannah (Tracy) Fenton were the parents of fourteen children, one of whom was Emery W., mentioned below.

(V) Emery W. Fenton, youngest son of William and Hannah (Tracy) Fenton, was born March 23, 1836, at Fluvanna, Chautauqua county, N. Y. When but three years of age he was brought by his parents to Jamestown and attended the local public schools of this place for his education. When eighteen years of age, Emery W. Fenton began his business career as an employee in a local pail factory and continued in its employ for a number of years. He then went to Corry, Pa., and spent eight years at that place, working in a woodenware factory. In 1869 he returned to Chautauqua county and located at Falconer, where he formed a partnership with Samuel Sweet and engaged in the manufacture of butter tubs. Later Mr. Sweet sold out his interest and the business was conducted by E. W. Fenton for several years. Later the firm of Fenton, Robertson & Company was organized for the production of fine furniture, and in this line Mr. Fenton continued until his death. In addition to his industrial activities, Mr. Fenton was always actively interested in public affairs and was a leading Democrat. He took a keen interest in the educational development of Jamestown, and was a member of the Board of Education at Falconer, it being largely through his influence that the High School at that place was built. Mr. Fenton enjoyed a reputation second to none for honesty and square dealing, and it may be said of him that he made the golden rule his motto.

Emery W. Fenton was united in marriage, Nov. 7, 1861, with Louise Myers, a daughter of Peter and Lucy (Gould) Myers. Mrs. Fenton died Jan. 12, 1916, and was buried with her husband at Pine Hill Cemetery, Falconer. She was an attendant of the Congregational church, was a woman of many Christian virtues and much devoted to her home and children. Mr. and Mrs. Fenton were the parents of three children, as follows: Jennie, who died in early youth; Lulu E. and J. Grace, both of whom reside at the old Fenton home, No. 1392 East Second street, Jamestown. They resided with their parents and were greatly devoted to them and their home life. Both are members of Elliot Chapter, New York Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, of Falconer.

**MORGAN BOSTWICK KENT**, of Jamestown, is a representative of an old English family founded in New England about a quarter of a century after the landing of the Pilgrims. He is a son of Alba Morgan Kent, a descendant of Thomas Kent, born in England, who came to Gloucester, Mass., with his wife in 1643. The line from Thomas to Morgan B. Kent is through

the founder's son, Samuel Kent, and his wife, Frances (Woodal) Kent; their son, John Kent and his first wife, Abigail (Dudley) Kent; their son, Rev. Elisha Kent, and his wife, Abigail (Moss) Kent, a minister's daughter and granddaughter; their son, Elisha (2) Kent, and his wife, Ann Kent; their son, Elisha (3) Kent, and his wife, Alice (Flynn) Kent; their son, Archibald Kent, and his wife, Emeline (Morgan) Kent; their son, Alba Morgan Kent, and his wife, Rose Elena (Hall-Wetmore) Kent; their only child, Morgan Bostwick Kent, of Jamestown, of the ninth American generation of the family founded by Thomas Kent.

Alba Morgan Kent, son of Archibald and Emeline (Morgan) Kent, was born in Royalton, Vt., April 3, 1841, died at his home in Jamestown, N. Y., Sept. 21, 1914. He spent his early life in Vermont, acquiring an education and fitting himself for the battle of life. When a young man he went West, locating at Madison, Wis., there being in State employ as steward of the Wisconsin State Hospital. While holding that position he enlisted, Sept. 2, 1862, in Company G, 29th Regiment, Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and was mustered in as second lieutenant. Later he was commissioned first lieutenant, and during the greater part of the last two years of his service was in command of the company. From the time he enlisted until honorably discharged Lieutenant Kent was absent but once on furlough (sixty days), and participated in every battle in which his regiment was engaged. This included the Vicksburg campaign from Port Gibson until the fall of Vicksburg; Red River campaign; siege of Mobile, and other operations and battles. He held the rank of acting captain from April 2, 1863, and was mustered out of the service at Shreveport, La., June 22, 1865.

Soon after his return from the army, Lieutenant Kent became associated with his brother, Archibald F. Kent, in oil refining, and later moved to Corry, Pa., and organized the Corry Wooden Ware Company, later the Corry Chair Company, a corporation in which he retained a lifelong interest. He also organized and operated the Corry Gas Works, and after conducting it several years went to Warren, there establishing the Warren Gas Company, which he also operated several years. He then returned to Jamestown, N. Y., where he became interested in the Jamestown Worsteds Mills, of which he was a director until his passing. He was also a director of the First National Bank of Jamestown; had other important business interests and large land holdings.

One of the largest farms in the county is located in the town of Busti, south of Jamestown, and is popularly known as the Kent Farm. This estate, comprising about 1,500 acres, is largely Chapin Hall farm, but also includes the Bostwick farm and the Hastings farm, Mr. Bostwick being grandfather and Mr. Hastings an uncle of Mrs. Kent. For many years Alba M. Kent directed this estate and was deeply interested in its successful operation. The Kent Hotel at Lakewood, once the leading hotel there, was built by Mr. Kent, who for several years directed its management. He never sought public applause, but made and always retained many warm, personal friends. His splendid war record was never paraded, and the public generally did not even know that he was a Civil War veteran. But he was recognized as an upright, public-spirited citizen, who did his full share

in the upbuilding of his city. He was a member of James M. Brown Post, No. 285, Grand Army of the Republic, and on May 7, 1890, was elected a member of New York Commandery Military Order Loyal Legion of the United States, insignia No. 7989. He was a member of the Jamestown Club, and an attendant as well as a warm friend of the Unitarian church. During his last years Mr. Kent was an invalid, and for two years preceding his death he took no part in business, that duty devolving upon his business associate and only son, Morgan Bostwick Kent.

Mr. Kent married, June 12, 1873, Rose Elena (Hall) Wetmore, widow of Charles C. Wetmore, of Warren, Pa., who died in Jamestown, June 25, 1912. By her first marriage, Mrs. Kent was the mother of Chapin H. and Susan Wetmore, who died in youth, and Charles D. Wetmore, now (1920) an architect of New York City, member of the firm of Warner & Wetmore. Mrs. Kent was a daughter of Chapin and Susan (Bostwick) Hall, and a sister of Edward Hall. Chapin Hall was born in Ellicott, Chautauqua county, N. Y., July 12, 1816, and his wife, Susan Bostwick, was born July 16, 1818, also a daughter of an early pioneer settler.

Morgan Bostwick Kent, only child of Alba Morgan and Rose Elena (Hall-Wetmore) Kent, was born in Jamestown, N. Y., May 21, 1878. After attendance at Jamestown public schools he entered St. Paul's School, Concord, N. H., whence he was graduated class of 1897. He was at once entered as an employe of the worsted mills in Jamestown, and eventually became foreman of a department. He was his father's associate in business during his latter years, and since becoming owner of the estate has continued it along similar lines. Mr. Kent is a devotee of out-of-doors sports, automobiling, hunting and fishing particularly appealing to him. He gratifies his tastes to the full extent and is a genuine lover of true sport. He is a member of Mount Moriah Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Wester Sun Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Jamestown Council, Royal and Select Masters; Jamestown Commandery, Knights Templar; Jamestown Lodge of Perfection; Jamestown Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Buffalo Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. In politics he is a Republican, and in religious faith a member of the Church of Christ (Scientist). His clubs are the Jamestown and Rotary. He is also an Elk.

Mr. Kent married (first) Sept. 30, 1902, Eleanor Rothwell, of Brookline. Children: Eleanor Rosalie, born Oct. 7, 1903; Juline, born March 13, 1905. Mr. Kent married (second) Iva E. Poor, and resides on East Fourth street, Jamestown.

The old Kent home in Jamestown, long the home of Alba M. Kent, at the corner of Fourth street and Prendergast avenue, has recently (1920) been sold to the two bodies of the Scottish Rite of Masonry in Jamestown, the Lodge of Perfection, and the Council Princes of Jerusalem. The old home will be devoted to the uses of these bodies and to social purposes. Mr. Kent is a man of pleasing personality, whole-souled and generous, a good friend and a good citizen.

**GUSTAF FABIAN SELLSTROM**—One of Jamestown's well known citizens, who, although born in a foreign land, has contributed much to the life of this

city, is Gustaf Fabian Sellstrom. He was born in Wimmerby, Sweden, June 9, 1851, the son of P. Adolph and Johanna Maria (Berg) Sellstrom. In 1856 the elder Mr. Sellstrom died, leaving his widow with the care of three children: Fabian at the age of four years; Carl Adolph, and John Frederick, the two latter now deceased.

Gustaf Fabian Sellstrom, better known as Fabian Sellstrom, attended the schools of his native country. At seventeen years of age he, together with his mother and two brothers, came to Jamestown, where he secured employment in the plant of Jones & Gifford, furniture manufacturers. Leaving the furniture plant he went to Bradford, Pa., and remained there until 1877, being employed during that time as foreman in a factory. Desiring to return to Jamestown, he secured a position as manager for Halliday & Benedict, meat dealers. In 1881 he formed a partnership with his brother, John Frederick Sellstrom, under the firm name of Sellstrom Bros., Meat Dealers, which continued until 1885, when through accidental death while hunting, John Frederick was taken away. Fabian Sellstrom bought out the interest of his brother's estate in June, 1885, and continued the business himself. Desiring a better location, he decided in May, 1886, to purchase the business of Drake Sessions on Third street, and for over a quarter of a century remained at this location, building up a large and successful business, being the largest retail meat dealer in Chautauqua county.

During these years he became interested in several of the manufacturing industries in the city, and became one of the strongest supporters of the Dahlstrom Metallic Door Company, this institution owing much to his loyal support during times of difficulties and financial stress. During the early period of organization he was commissioned to handle several important business deals and problems of this concern. In 1912 Mr. Sellstrom sold out his meat business, retiring from active commercial life. He took active part, however, in the affairs of the Dahlstrom Metallic Door Company as vice-president and treasurer until 1918, when he retired entirely from active business. His interests in real estate and manufacturing concerns continue to keep him in touch with the business life of Jamestown. In politics, Mr. Sellstrom is a Republican, but in practice is an independent voter giving his support to the candidate he feels most nearly meets the requirements of the office. In fraternal life, he is a member of all the Masonic bodies up to and including the thirty-second degree, and also is a member of several social organizations.

During all these years of business life the constant aid and encouragement of his devoted wife meant a great deal to his achievements and progressive development. On Aug. 3, 1882, at Jamestown, he was united in marriage with Emily Eugenia Lundberg. Mrs. Sellstrom was born in Wester Gotland, Sweden, a daughter of John Eliason and Maria Christina Lundberg. Mrs. Sellstrom came to this country as a young girl and has been active in the community and church life of the city of Jamestown. For a number of years she has been president of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Norden Club, and has contributed much to the literary and educational interest manifested there. Being greatly interested in equal suffrage, she was active in her energies for the cause. She is also a member of the First Lutheran







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Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Sellstrom were born four children: Elmer W., May H., Lilla E. F., and V. Emily. Lilla E. F. died in 1894 at the age of four years. Elmer W. received his early education in the public schools, later attending Cornell University and graduating with the degree of Civil Engineer in 1907. Leaving the university he became associated with the Dahlstrom Metallic Door Company, being active in the upbuilding of that institution. He has been actively identified with community work, serving in many capacities. He is a member of all the Masonic bodies and past eminent commander of Jamestown Commandery, Knights Templar. He is at present the president of the Jamestown Rotary Club. May H. also attended the public schools, graduating in 1904, and later taking up special work in piano at the Sherwood Music School at Chicago. Upon graduating from there she became one of Mr. Sherwood's able assistants. Later she was associated in the music department of Miss Bennett's School for Girls at Millbrook, N. Y. In 1917 she became the wife of Crawford N. Bargar, to whom one child has been born. Mr. Bargar has been long identified with the wholesale grocery business in Jamestown. V. Emily was educated in the Jamestown public schools, graduating with the class of 1915, and the next year graduating from Dana Hall at Wellesley, Mass. She also attended Simmons College at Boston, and Smith College at Northampton, Mass., receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts from the latter institution in 1920, and is now active in the educational and social life of the community.

**FRED H. GARFIELD**—It is not always easy to discover and define the hidden forces that have moved a life of ceaseless activity and business success; little more can be done than note their manifestations in the career of the individual under consideration. In view of this fact, the life of Fred H. Garfield, late of Jamestown, N. Y., affords a striking example of well defined purpose with the ability to make that purpose subserve not only his own ends but those of the corporation with which he was associated and the good of his fellowmen as well. Mr. Garfield long held distinctive prestige in a calling which requires for its basis sound mentality, supplemented by rigid railroad traffic training, without which, one in that line of work cannot hope to rise above the mediocre. Rising in the confidence and esteem of the public, and in every relation of life, he never fell below the dignity nor in any way resorted to methods that invited criticism or censure. He was essentially a man among men, having ever moved as one who commanded respect by innate force, as well as by superior ability, and his life and labors eminently entitle him to representation among the representative men in Chautauqua county.

The family from which Mr. Garfield is descended is a very old and prominent one in this country, and are descendants from Edward Garfield, who came from England to Massachusetts in 1636. For more than two centuries the Garfield family have been residents of the American colonies, and our loved and martyred president, James Abram Garfield, was a descendant from the same line.

For more than a century they were residents of Worcester county, Mass., and the first to come to Chau-

tauca county, N. Y., was Samuel Garfield, familiarly known as Deacon Garfield, who was born in Massachusetts at the place above mentioned, and in 1803 removed with his father, Eliakim Garfield, to Windham county, Vt. The father was a Revolutionary soldier, and served with more than ordinary distinction under General George Washington. Samuel Garfield married in the "Green Mountain State," and in 1814 came to Chautauqua county, N. Y.; he became a farmer in the town of Busti and also did carpentry work. He possessed considerable inventive genius, his first invention being grain measures nested from a half-bushel down; following this he manufactured scythe-snaths, and grain-cradle handles, besides making a large number of rakes. Immense quantities of these "crooked sticks," as they were called in those days, were manufactured by him and sold to the farmers of the county, besides many shipments were sent down the Allegheny river to the southern markets. He was the father of a large family, among them being Benjamin, of further mention.

Benjamin Garfield was born in the town of Busti, N. Y., and became one of the successful land owners. In 1880 he moved to Salamanca and engaged in business. He remained there for a time and then removed to Bemus Point, Chautauqua county, N. Y., later removing to Jamestown, N. Y., where he soon retired from active business. Benjamin Garfield married Sarah Botsford, and to them were born two children: Fred H., of further mention; and Charles B.

Fred H. Garfield was born Nov. 10, 1853, on his father's farm, and here he passed his early life. He received his education in the district schools, and later in the public schools of Jamestown. It was while living with his parents at Bemus Point that Fred H. Garfield met the man who so largely influenced his future career in the person of W. P. Shattuck, of Cleveland. Mr. Shattuck was then general passenger agent of the Atlantic & Great Western (now a part of the Erie Railroad system). His summers were spent at Bemus Point, where he formed a strong attachment for Mr. Garfield, then a young man, and they were much together. Mr. Garfield being a lover of the big out-doors and nature, and an intrepid hunter and fisherman, taught the art of hunting and fishing to Mr. Shattuck, and this brought them even closer together. Mr. Shattuck was struck with the intelligence of the young man and offered him a place as advertising agent for the Atlantic & Great Western Railroad, with offices in Buffalo, N. Y. Mr. Garfield, although but a young man of twenty-one years of age, accepted and made his home in Buffalo for several years. From 1880 to 1888 Mr. Garfield was traveling passenger agent for the same railroad, with which he spent practically his entire life. In the meantime the railroad had passed through several changes, finally becoming the familiar N. Y. P. & O., the "Nypano." In 1888 he was appointed division passenger agent at Jamestown, and held that office continually up to the time of his death. He witnessed the rapid growth of the passenger and freight business as the busy city of Jamestown grew up.

It may be truly said of Fred H. Garfield that the Erie Railway Company secured his undivided ability during all the years that he was connected with the great transportation problem. Whatever he did was with the

thought and intention of benefiting the railroad and those connected with it. No man outdid him in loyalty to any company or corporation, and while he took part in matters of public concern, and always maintained a lively interest in the business and political life of Jamestown and Chautauqua county, this was never done at the sacrifice of any duty he owed to his company. During his long term of service with the Erie as division passenger agent he had immediate charge of more than two hundred miles of the business of the road, and in all his work he not only won and held the confidence and respect of his superior officers in the company, but he won and held the equal confidence and respect of all the men in the passenger department over which he had control. Mr. Garfield was more than a division passenger agent, he was the firm friend and close advisor of General Passenger Agent R. H. Wallace and other men at the head of the great railway system. They looked to him for advice in the management of the road, and they regarded his judgment upon railway interests as sound, and this might be said of many other officials of connecting lines. He had wide influence in railway circles, and with such influence his loyalty to his home town was only second to that which he had for the company to which he devoted his life. Mr. Garfield passed away at his home, Aug. 31, 1908. His funeral was attended not only by many friends from Jamestown, Chautauqua county and vicinity, but by prominent railroad officials from various parts of the United States. Mr. Garfield was a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Order of Maccabees, and Jamestown Club. In politics he was a Democrat.

On June 6, 1882, Fred H. Garfield married (first) Mary Smith, a daughter of George Smith, who lived in Wilson, Niagara county, N. Y. To them was born a son, Robert Marvin. Mrs. Garfield died in May, 1890. On Sept. 24, 1891, he married (second) Tena McIntosh, and to them was born a daughter, Alice M., and a son Frederick M.

A lover of out-of-doors life, he was an ardent sportsman, taking great pleasure in hunting and fishing, and friends frequently came long distances to spend a few days with him on Chautauqua Lake, or in the surrounding forests in search of game, and such friends never counted the day lost, whether successful or not with rod or gun.

Mr. Garfield was of a most genial nature; he loved his fellowmen and had confidence in them; he would always give willingly of his time and service, especially for the interest and welfare of Jamestown. Many were the calls made upon him as the representative of the Erie road, especially in the matter of local enterprises and local celebrations. He had many friends in business and social life from near and far away. It is certain that his death was mourned by all who knew him.

**ADELBERT PHILO SIMMONS**—For forty years a merchant of Busti, postmaster under six presidents—Grant, Hayes, Harrison, Cleveland, McKinley, and Roosevelt—town clerk of Busti for a quarter of a century, and a soldier of the Civil War, Adelbert P. Simmons from every point of view was entitled to the title of "Veteran." When finally he was laid at rest in Lakeview Cemetery, Jamestown, the bearers were all

veterans of the Forty-ninth Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry, and the local Grand Army of the Republic men attended the funeral of their comrade in a body, conducting at the grave the beautiful ritual burial service of the order, James M. Conroe, commander; N. R. Thompson, chaplain.

Adelbert P. Simmons was a native son of Chautauqua county, born in the town of Portland, who enlisted from Jamestown, Aug. 26, 1861, and was discharged, Sept. 17, 1864. He was in business at Busti, Chautauqua county, from 1866 until 1907, and resided in Jamestown from 1908 until his death in 1916, aged seventy-four years, two months, four days. He resigned the office of postmaster in May, 1907, after continuous service covering a period of about forty years, and six administrations, one of eight years being of political complexion differing from his own, and he finally proving the falsity of that saying about office holders that "few died and none ever resign." He was a son of Philander and Mary A. (Waid) Simmons, who at the time of the birth of their son, Adelbert P., were living in Portland, but who moved to Jamestown in 1855.

Adelbert P. Simmons was born in the town of Portland, Chautauqua county, N. Y., March 4, 1842, died at his home, No. 3 Forest Park, Jamestown, N. Y., May 8, 1916. The first thirteen years of his life were spent in Portland, where he attended the district school, but in 1855 his parents moved to Jamestown, where he completed public school attendance and learned the chair maker's trade. He continued at his trade in Jamestown until Aug. 26, 1861, when he enlisted as a private in Company K, Forty-ninth Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry, and on the following September 18 was mustered into the United States service at New York City. He was in active service with his regiment, a part of the glorious Army of the Potomac, was all through the campaigns of that army until Dec. 18, 1863, and during the Peninsula campaign, his tent-mate, Milton Lewis, the first soldier to fall from Chautauqua county, was killed at Warwick Creek, near Yorktown, Va. He incurred physical disabilities, and on Dec. 18, 1863, was transferred from the Forty-ninth to the Thirty-sixth Regiment, Second Battalion, Veteran Reserve Corps, and placed on detached service at Washington, D. C., as ward master in Harewood Hospital. He was honorably discharged and mustered out of the service, Sept. 17, 1864, his three years' term of enlistment having expired.

In 1866 Mr. Simmons opened a general store in the village of Busti, Chautauqua county, and continued a successful merchant until October, 1906, when he sold his stock and goodwill to F. C. Whiting & Company of Busti, and then retired. Under President Grant he received his first commission as postmaster of the village, and each recurring four years brought him a renewal of that commission, no matter who the president or what his politics until May, 1907, when he resigned the office, and in January following he moved to Jamestown, his boyhood home, and the scene of the closing activities of his life. He was a Republican in politics, casting his first vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1864. President Lincoln then a candidate for a second term. He served the town of Busti as town clerk for twenty-five years, was collector of taxes, registrar of vital statistics, secre-







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tary of the Board of Health, and filled several village offices.

Mr. Simmons always kept in close touch with his old comrades of the army, and was a member of the Veterans Union of Chautauqua County, serving as its secretary, and of James M. Brown Post, No. 285, Grand Army of the Republic, of Jamestown, of which he was past commander. At Boston, Dec. 30, 1910, at the National Encampment of the order, Mr. Simmons was appointed aide-de-camp to the Grand Commander, J. E. Gilmore. He was a member of the First Methodist Church of Jamestown, and a man honored and respected by all who knew him.

Mr. Simmons married, Jan. 6, 1869, Florence E. Glenn, daughter of William T. and Mary L. (Thompson) Glenn, of Phoenix, Pa., her father a Union soldier who gave his life for his country. Mrs. Simmons survives her husband, and continues her residence in Jamestown. She is a member of the Woman's Relief Corps, and of the Methodist Episcopal church. Her only son, Frank C. Simmons, was born in Milton, Armstrong county, Pa., Nov. 16, 1869, and educated in the public schools. He was engaged in the mercantile business with his father until 1906, and is now connected with the Jamestown and Westfield Electric Railroad Company. He married May Wilcox.

Such are the high lights in a life which was practically lived in the same community and when at its close the time came to pay the last tributes of respect, old friends, business associates, Grand Army comrades, church brethren, and neighbors testified by their presence to the high regard in which Mr. Simmons was held. Mr. Simmons was a man of quiet life and disposition, very fond of his home and family, and in his public life met every obligation of good citizenship. He fought well the battle of life and left behind him an honored name.

**JOHN FRANK SMITH**—As inspector of plumbing for the Board of Health of Jamestown, John F. Smith enjoys the distinction of being an official of a progressive city government, and as a veteran of the Civil War there is nothing more for the biographer to add to show that he has served his fellowman. Mr. Smith takes a leading part in the advancement of all that promises improvement of conditions in his home town, and is generally recognized as one of her foremost citizens.

George W. Smith, father of John Frank Smith, was born in England, and grew to manhood in his native land, learning the trade of currier and tanner. As a young man he immigrated to the United States, settling in Lynn, Mass., where he worked at his trade until coming to Chautauqua county, N. Y., and taking up his abode in Panama. There he conducted a tannery for some years, and then removed to Jamestown, where he took up painting and paper hanging, but some years later abandoned it for the shoe business in which he was engaged on West Third street under the firm name of George W. Smith & Son. He was a Republican, and attended the Protestant Episcopal church. Mr. Smith married, in Lynn, Mass., Sarah Bindley, who was, like himself, a native of England, and their children were: George W., died in infancy; William H., George M.,

Sarah H., Charles A., Albert M.; John Frank, mentioned below; Abner D., Minnie, Caroline F., Julia A., Frederick B. The parents of these children died in Jamestown.

John Frank Smith, son of George W. and Sarah (Bindley) Smith, was born Feb. 25, 1846, in the town of Panama, Chautauqua county, N. Y., and for a short time attended school in his native place. When the family moved to Jamestown he was still a boy, but his opportunities for acquiring an education were limited, and he was but little over sixteen when he enlisted in Company K, 49th Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry, under Colonel D. W. Bidwell and Captain Alonzo J. Marsh. He participated in the battles of Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, the Wilderness and Spottsylvania Court House, being wounded in the last engagement by a shot which passed through both hips. This was on May 10, 1864, and he was obliged to remain in the hospital until Sept. 2, 1864, when he rejoined his company and regiment in time to take part in the battles of Fisher Hill, Opequon, Cedar Creek, and to help break the line before Petersburg, April 2, 1865. He was present at the Grand Review in Washington, and on June 24, 1865, was mustered out.

On returning to Jamestown the young soldier learned the trade of a machinist under the instruction of Josephus Clark and followed it until 1872, when he abandoned it for that of plumbing, conducting a successful business until 1887, when he was appointed inspector of plumbing to the Board of Health of Jamestown. He has ever since continuously filled that responsible office, being now in his twenty-fourth year. Nothing could more conclusively prove that he is thoroughly master of his business. In politics, Mr. Smith is a true Republican. He is a member of James M. Brown Post, Grand Army of the Republic, of Jamestown, and the Union Veteran Legion, also belonging to the Protective Home Circle of Jamestown. The Golden Rule is his motto and his religion.

Mr. Smith married (first) in Jamestown, Sept. 8, 1868, Adele M., daughter of Adam and Mercy Mambert, and they became the parents of one child, George M., who died in childhood. Mrs. Smith passed away in 1894, and Mr. Smith married (second) Dec. 11, 1895, Rose V. Baugher, of Titusville, Pa.

John Frank Smith has a varied and eventful record. As soldier, business man and public official, he has rendered faithful service and won an honorable name.

**ALBERT FERDINAND SOCH, M. D.**, one of the well known and capable physicians of Fredonia, Chautauqua county, N. Y., is a native of the town of Hanover, Chautauqua county, N. Y., having been born at this place, March 24, 1871, a son of Charles and Wilemina (Brewer) Soch. The elder Mr. Soch was a farmer all his life, and his death occurred at the age of seventy-four years. Mrs. Soch is still living, having just passed her eighty-sixth year.

Albert Ferdinand Soch received his preliminary education in the district schools of his native place, and after completing the elementary course went to work on his father's farm, where he remained for a time, later going to Boston, Mass. Upon arriving at Boston, he was given employment during the day, and utilized his evenings by attending the Boston High School. Through

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very frugal living, the young man had managed to save a considerable portion of his earnings, with a view to entering college, and this he was enabled to do some time later, having accumulated enough money to pay for his tuition at the Phillips Exeter Academy, at Exeter, N. H. Mr. Soch, however, was compelled to continue working during his spare time in order to defray other college expenses, and though many a young man would have turned back if placed under such a handicap, this was not the case with him and he continued in his course, graduating with the class of 1894, and winning the affection and regard of his classmates as well as his teachers. His next step toward his education was taken when he went to Buffalo and entered the medical department of the Buffalo University, from which he graduated three years later with the degree of M. D. After graduation, Dr. Soch spent several years in hospital work, and was an interne for a time in the Erie County Hospital. It was not until 1900 that Dr. Soch came to Fredonia and there began the practice of his profession, opening an office for this purpose. His complete knowledge and capabilities soon recommended him highly as an able practitioner, and his practice continued to grow until he can now claim one of the largest hereabouts. In fact, Dr. Soch's services are so greatly in demand that it has compelled him to give up his ambition to become a surgeon, his duties being too confining to permit him to continue his surgical studies. In 1901 Dr. Soch was appointed on the medical staff of the Brooks Memorial Hospital, Dunkirk, and he still occupies this post.

Dr. Soch is a member of the A. O. D. College Medical fraternity, the American Medical Society, the New York Medical Association, the Western New York Medical Association, the Chautauqua County Medical Association, and the Dunkirk Fredonia Medical Society, and is medical examiner for the Mutual Life Insurance Company, the John Hancock, Travelers', State Mutual, Bankers' Life, Massachusetts Mutual, and Prudential Life Insurance companies. He is also very prominent in the social and club life here, and is a member of Forest Lodge, No. 162, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of which organization he is the junior warden, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being past noble grand of the latter. In politics Dr. Soch is a Republican.

Albert Ferdinand Soch was united in marriage with Mary Elizabeth Hall, a resident of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, a daughter of James and Margaret (Brooks) Hall. Mrs. Soch was formerly a trained nurse and she met Dr. Soch while doing hospital work in Buffalo. They were married June 27, 1900, and six children were born of this union, four of whom are living, as follows: Hamilton H., who is now attending the high school at Fredonia; Albert F., Jr., who also attends the high school here; Robert A., a pupil in the elementary school; and James W., who is in the kindergarten. The two children who are deceased are: Dorothy, who was the oldest child and died when she was seven years of age; and Charles L., who died in infancy.

**JOHN EDWARD KASE**—John Kase, father of John Edward Kase, a long time resident of Jamestown, N. Y., was born in Hesse, Germany, and there

grew to manhood. To avoid German military service he came to the United States, finding employment and a home in Carbondale, Lackawanna county, Pa. He was a cabinetmaker by trade, and soon after locating in Carbondale established a small furniture business in connection with his shop. He prospered in business as he became well known, and he continued a furniture dealer until his death, which occurred at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Burr, in Scranton, Pa. He married Martha Seibold, also born in Germany, she dying in Carbondale, Pa. Children: 1. Theodore, deceased, who was a real estate broker in Boston, Mass. 2. Julia, married Daniel Burr, a wholesale druggist of Scranton, Pa. 3. John Edward, of further mention. 4. Edmund, a practicing physician of Philadelphia, Pa.

John Edward Kase was born in Carbondale, Pa. July 17, 1858, died in Jamestown, N. Y., Jan. 15, 1913. He was educated in the public schools at Carbondale, and after completing his studies became associated with his father in the manufacture and sale of furniture, the young man becoming an expert finisher of fine furniture, making that branch his occupation for life. He continued with his father until 1879, and when he came to legal age at once began his own career. For two years after leaving home John E. Kase was employed as a furniture finisher in a factory at Athens, Pa., going thence to Waverly, N. Y., where he was in the employ of the Hall and Lyons Company, furniture manufacturers of that town, where he continued until 1888. His business life in Jamestown began in that year with the Morgan, Maddox Company of this city. Later he was with the Maddox, Bailey Furniture Company, and still later with the J. W. Maddox Table Company, and with these companies he was employed as a furniture finisher until his death in 1913. He was a good workman, master of his branch of furniture making, his services always being in demand. He was a Democrat in politics, served as inspector of elections for many years, and was well known in Jamestown.

Mr. Kase married, in Lackawanna county, Pa., Jan. 5, 1881, Emma E. Fuller, born in Matamoras, Pa., daughter of Simeon C. and Emiline (Stout) Fuller. Mr. Fuller was one of the oldest and best known engineers on the Erie Railroad. He made his home in Port Jervis, N. Y., Carbondale, Pa., and later Susquehanna, Pa., where he died in 1883. His wife later moved to Jamestown, N. Y., where she died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Kase, in 1895. Children of John E. and Emma E. (Fuller) Kase: 1. Blanche, died in childhood. 2. Ralph Stout, born in Waverly, N. Y., Jan. 24, 1886, was educated in the grade and high schools of Jamestown, and later learned the printer's business, becoming an expert in this trade; he is now superintendent of the printing department of the Travelers' Life Insurance Company, of Hartford, Conn.; he married Margaret Maharon, of Jamestown, daughter of Judge John G. Maharon; Mr. and Mrs. Kase, Jr., are the parents of two children: June Mary and Betty June 3. Veranice Fuller, born Feb. 15, 1891, died April 1, 1901. 4. Simeon John, born in Jamestown, June 26, 1895; educated in the grade and high schools of Jamestown, Mechanics Institute of Rochester, N. Y., receiving from the Institute the degree of electrical engineer at graduation, June 14, 1917; after the United States







Clyde H. Schuyler.  
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entered the World War, he enlisted in the emergency electrical department of the Coast Artillery School at Fortress Monroe, Va., his work that of an expert: he was mustered out of the service, Dec. 26, 1918, and is now with the Dudlow Manufacturing Company, Fort Wayne, Ind. Mrs. John E. Kase is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and Sunday school, the Women's Christian Temperance Union, also the Home and Foreign Missionary and Clothes societies, and the American Legion Auxiliary.

**ROXINA L. DAVIS**, daughter of Ezra W. and Margaret W. (Cass) Davis, settled in Chautauqua county, N. Y., thirty years ago. She sprang from a hardy line of staunch New England stock, the Davis family coming from Vermont and the Cass family from New Hampshire, the former named having made a distinctive record in the service of their country, and have always occupied a prominent place in business.

Miss Davis, since settling in Chautauqua county thirty years ago, has been actively engaged in business. She was first associated with Wilson & Van Tuyl's Hardware Store as bookkeeper, and when this company went out of business she joined a new enterprise with W. W. Wilson in the conduct of a tinsmith shop as a silent partner. She then branched out in the real estate line, a field in which she has made an eminent success, having built nearly the entire street known as Wicks avenue, West Jamestown. She also engaged in extensive building enterprises in Yates county in the central part of the State, both enterprises testifying to good business acumen. Although her business career occupies a large portion of her time and attention, Miss Davis has not neglected her duty toward society, and has always been active in charitable and social organizations. She is a member of the Disciple church, and was one of the first members of the Young Women's Christian Association in Jamestown, being identified with that association for the past quarter of a century. She adopted and reared two children, namely, William C. and Margaret C. Davis, the latter named now the wife of William McKinley Loucks. Miss Davis has established a reputation for sound business judgment and square dealing with her associates that will stand for all time to come as a tribute to her memory.

**JOHN AUGUST JONES**—A man of great self-reliance and self-dependence of character, with determination to succeed in whatever he undertakes, John August Jones very early in life gave evidence of the sturdy independence which has helped him to gain the comfortable competence which he now enjoys.

Born in the little town of Alsheda, Sweden, July 12, 1875, the boy spent his childhood on a farm, attending the common schools until he was fifteen years old, when he decided to come to the United States. Having relatives in this country, he had heard of their continued progress in business and he felt the desire to emulate their success; so in 1890 the lad started alone, landing in the United States and going direct to Jamestown, N. Y., where his friends were living. The career of John August Jones may be said to have started at that time, for he immediately applied for employment to the Gokey

shoe factory, where he remained for four years. At the same time he began studying at night, attending the evening classes at the Young Men's Christian Association and making rapid progress in the various branches he had chosen. In 1894 the young man changed his form of work, becoming a salesman in the clothing store of A. J. Peterson & Son, continuing with them for four years, when he resigned. He now thoroughly understood two branches in commercial business, shoes and clothing, and in October, 1908, in company with William H. Scharf and Luther L. Lincoln, bought out the clothing store of J. Whitley & Son, a long established concern with a fine reputation, the new firm becoming known as Jones, Scharf & Lincoln. In a short time Mr. Lincoln sold out his holdings to the other two partners, they carrying on the business. In 1911 it became an incorporated concern, under the name of Jones & Scharf, Inc., and at this time (1920) it still continues at No. 210 Main street, each year showing increased prosperity. Mr. Jones is greatly interested in civic affairs, being active in the work of the Board of Commerce of Jamestown and one of its board of directors. He is also connected with the Swedish Brotherhood and the Norden Club; he and his family are regular attendants at the First Swedish Lutheran Church, which he serves as treasurer.

In October, 1902, John August Jones married, in Jamestown, Hannah C. Eckman, daughter of N. P. Eckman, who resides in that city. Of this union four children have been born: Helen, Ralph, Robert, Marie. All but the youngest are now attending school, Mr. Jones being very desirous that his children shall have every advantage in life.

**CLYDE HENRY SCHUYLER, D. D. S.**—In the short space of a year Jamestown has become thoroughly familiar with the fact that this is the name of a very skillful and progressive member of the dental profession. His fellow-citizens have learned to place great confidence in Dr. Schuyler and to think no less highly of him as a citizen than in his professional capacity.

Clyde Henry Schuyler was born Feb. 4, 1802, at Frewsburg, N. Y., and is a son of Henry C. and Lepha (Moore) Schuyler, the former a farmer of that place, where he is still living. Mrs. Schuyler passed away in March, 1909. The earliest education of Clyde Henry Schuyler was received in the public schools of the town of Carroll, whence he passed to the Frewsburg High School, graduating in 1912. For a year or two after, he taught in the district schools of Carroll township in order to earn the money wherewith to complete his course of study. He then entered the University of Pittsburgh for the purpose of studying dentistry, graduating in 1916 with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery.

On Sept. 19, 1917, Dr. Schuyler enlisted in the Dental Corps with the rank of first lieutenant, and was ordered to Camp Sevier, S. C., taking charge of Dental Infirmary No. 1, for seven months. He had under his command twenty-nine commissioned officers, having charge in all of fifty-four commissioned and enlisted men. On Feb. 11, 1919, he received an honorable discharge after which he returned to Jamestown and opened his own office. Already he has received gratifying proof of the wisdom

of his selection of a field of labor. If the first year of practice may be accepted as an augury of the future, Dr. Schuyler's career must unquestionably be one of successful achievement. Politically Dr. Schuyler is a Republican and a staunch one, but the demands of his profession leave him little time for participation in public affairs. He belongs to the Psi Omega Dental fraternity.

**WELCOME FRANKLIN ROSS**, a Civil War veteran of worthy military record, was one of the oldest residents of the Conewango Valley, Chautauqua county, N. Y. He was a hotel proprietor in that place from 1871 until his death, a record of forty-nine years of steady public service, in which he gained the respect of the majority of the residents of the district. He was popular and respected, honored because of his patriotic service, popular because of his whole-hearted manner, and respected because of his steady life. His calling was more than that of a keeper of an old-fashioned country hostelry where housing for horse and man could be had, and in his public service he was generally respected. And when bereavement came to him in the death of his adopted son, Robert H., who succumbed to the rigors of military campaigning a few weeks after the signing of the armistice, in 1918, he had evidence of the respect in which he was held in the neighborhood by the extent to which the residents gathered around him at that time.

Welcome Franklin Ross was born in the town of New Albion, Cattaraugus county, N. Y., April 13, 1843, the son of Joseph F. and Lydia (Lewis) Ross, was educated in the public school of his native place. The Ross family is of Scottish antecedents, although for four generations they have been resident in America. The American progenitor of the branch of the Ross family to which Welcome F. Ross belonged was William Joseph Ross, who came from Scotland. His son, Joseph F. Ross, father of Welcome F. Ross, was a farmer in Cattaraugus county, N. Y.

When the great call came to American manhood, when the North and South sought to settle their differences of opinion by armed conflict, Welcome F. Ross was still in his teens, notwithstanding which, he enlisted, in 1862, as a private in Company B, 154th Regiment of New York Volunteers, and he passed through all the fighting in which that regiment was engaged until the date of his discharge, June 23, 1863. His honorable service during the time of national emergency brought him good return in self satisfaction and in respect by others, and he had an honored place in the later patriotic organization, the Grand Army of the Republic, in the ranks of which association of veterans he rose to the grade of captain. His record in Masonry was a worthy one, for he affiliated with that fraternal order for more than forty years.

On Jan. 1, 1865, Mr. Ross was married to Julia A. Gardner, who was born in 1845. She came of two old Cattaraugus county families, being the daughter of Daniel and Laura (Crossfield) Gardner, both of whom were born in Cattaraugus county. Mrs. Julia A. (Gardner) Ross lived to celebrate her golden wedding, her death not occurring until 1916. The death of Welcome F. Ross occurred Nov. 7, 1920, interment in the Conewango Cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Ross were the parents

of four children: Jessie E., Maud J., Elva G., and Helen B. Their family also included an adopted son, Robert H., who went into the national military service, May 26, 1918, during the war with Germany. He was sent to Camp Dix, N. J., for training, and in all probability would have gone to France during the winter of 1918 had the war lasted so long. But the signing of the Armistice, Nov. 11, 1918, rendered the sending of further troops overseas unnecessary, and quick demobilization of troops in home camps was commenced. Many of the camps near the seaboard were overcrowded, because of returning troops and of troops sent temporarily to the camps for demobilization. Camp Dix, at which Robert H. Ross was stationed, was one such, and although his death did not occur while in the service, it is thought that it was caused through the rigors of camp life during the last month or so of his military service. He was honorably discharged, Nov. 28, 1918, reached home four days later, and died Dec. 16, 1918, his demise being the occasion of the manifestation of general and sincere sympathy for Mr. Ross in his sad bereavement. Still a life ending in national service in a cause so great as was that of America in the late war was not lived in vain.

**PAUL B. WQUIST**—Among the most successful of the younger merchants and business men of Jamestown, N. Y., should be mentioned Paul B. Wiquist, whose success in recent years in building up a large and remunerative milk business there has given him a reputation for enterprise and intelligence throughout the community. Mr. Wiquist is one of the many figures of Swedish parentage whose activities are contributing to the material welfare of Jamestown, and is a son of Otto and Alma (Nelson) Wiquist, both of whom were born in Sweden. They came to the United States when young and settled at Jamestown, where the former engaged in business as a general clothing merchant and was highly successful. They were the parents of ten children, as follows: Paul B., with whom we are here especially concerned; David Earle, who was drafted into the United States army during the late World War, was sent to France, and saw much active service, being in the firing line until he received a severe wound in his arm from which his death occurred July 21, 1919; Cecile, who served in France as a worker for the Red Cross Society for six months during the late war; Flavia; Floyd, Hilda, Edward, Margaret, Dorothy, Marion.

Paul B. Wiquist was born March 24, 1886, at Jamestown, and attended the public schools of that city. He graduated from the local high school, and in 1904 began his active business career. He has been successful from the outset in his enterprise as a dealer in milk and now supplies a very large number of people in this region where his integrity and liberality have gained him the esteem of all. His products are quite generally regarded as being the best of their kind that can be procured. Mr. Wiquist is a prominent figure in social circles at Jamestown, and has always taken a keen interest in the welfare of the community where he dwells. He is a member of the local Grange, and attends the Swedish Mission Church, of which he is a most liberal and highly valued member.

Paul B. Wiquist was united in marriage, June 28







*Paul A. Perens, M.D.*

1905, at Jamestown, with Freida Winkler, a native of Buffalo, born Feb. 14, 1863, a daughter of August G. Winkler, a native of Germany, and for many years a cabinetmaker at Buffalo, and of Louise (Thomas) Winkler, his wife. Mr. and Mrs. Wiquist are the parents of two children, as follows: Howard Paul, born Dec. 20, 1906, and Gladys Louise, born Feb. 9, 1908.

**SVEN EDWARD NELSON**, one of the associates in the automobile firm of Nelson & Nelson at No. 15 Harrison street, Jamestown, is regarded as one of the rising young business men of this city. This firm makes a specialty of acetylene welding, blacksmithing and general automobile construction work. He is a son of Nels A. and Helene (Nelson) Nelson, the former a farmer in Sweden, where he enjoyed considerable prosperity.

Sven Edward Nelson was born in his native land, Dec. 4, 1880, and by the time he reached the age of twenty years he had definitely made up his mind, and accordingly, in the year 1901, set sail for this country and soon after landed at the port of New York. He spent several years in Wilcox, Pa., working at the trade of blacksmithing, and in 1908 came to Jamestown, N. Y., where there was already a large settlement of his fellow countrymen, and here he began his business career as a blacksmith. He continued to follow this line for some time, but later took up the repairing of automobiles and soon developed a large and lucrative business. He is now associated with Nels Berger Nelson under the firm name of Nelson & Nelson, and owns a large and well equipped automobile repair shop at No. 15 Harrison street, where they transact a good sized business. In politics he is a Republican, and in religious belief a member of the Swedish Zion Church at Jamestown.

Sven Edward Nelson was united in marriage, Oct. 14, 1910, at Wilcox, Pa., with Elin E. Berge, born in Sweden, May 1, 1884, a daughter of Albin and Josephine Berge. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson are the parents of the following children: Elizabeth D., born Nov. 21, 1911; Lawrence Edward, born Feb. 11, 1913; Helen Josephine, born March 7, 1917; Robert Warren, born Nov. 5, 1919.

**PAUL STERRETT PERSONS, M. D.**, graduate of the University of Buffalo, medical department, began the general practice of medicine and surgery in his home town, Ripley, Chautauqua county, N. Y., in July, 1917, after having pursued a post-graduate course in the science and practice of surgery in the Massachusetts General Hospital, and an internship for the same purpose in the Buffalo General Hospital. It is his intention eventually to confine himself wholly to surgical practice, to which branch of medical science he seems to be well adapted. He is an enthusiastic young professional man, of good family, and good college record, and he is indefatigable, careful and skillful in practice, so that in all probability he will succeed, giving good service to the community in which he has established himself.

Paul Sterrett Persons was born in Moorheadville, Pa., May 21, 1891, the son of Charles Dietly and Mary M. (Sterrett) Persons, the former now deceased, a miller by trade, and the latter, who still lives in Ripley, of an old Lancaster, Pa., Colonial family. Charles Dietly Persons removed his family from Moorheadville,

to Ripley township, Chautauqua county, N. Y., when his son, Paul Sterrett, was only five years of age, and that township has since been the home of the family. Paul S. obtained his elementary education in the Union District School, later attending the Ripley High School, and Westfield High School, from which he graduated in 1911.

He had decided to enter the medical profession, and without delay became an undergraduate in the medical college of the University of Buffalo. In due course, in 1916, he was graduated therefrom with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. For the purpose of special surgical research, he served an internship in the Massachusetts General Hospital before his graduation, and for one year thereafter was an interne in the Buffalo General Hospital, there also specializing in surgical practice. And in the wide clinical opportunities of those two large hospitals, he must have obtained more than a general understanding of that branch of medical science in which he hopes at some future time to specialize exclusively. Meanwhile, he is well regarded in Ripley and is developing a satisfactory practice.

The Persons family is of Presbyterian affiliation, and in politics Dr. Persons is a Republican, though he takes no active part in political affairs. He is a Mason, belonging to Westfield Lodge, No. 219, and Westfield Chapter, No. 239; and his college fraternities are the Nu Sigma Nu and the Theta Nu Epsilon. Professionally, he is a member of the American Medical Society, the New York State Medical Association, and the Chautauqua County Medical Association.

On Oct. 11, 1917, Dr. Persons married Elizabeth T. Mosser, then resident at Sligo, Pa., but formerly of N. Y. Mrs. Persons is a trained nurse, and since their marriage she has given her professional services to her husband.

**GEORGE ARTEMAS ROSS** was born at Clymer, N. Y., Feb. 18, 1883. His parents were Dr. Artemas Ross, and Eva Evangeline (Bush) Ross. Dr. Ross, who was a physician of good standing in Chautauqua county, was a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, who after receiving his degree practiced one year at Corry, Pa., going from that village to Clymer, where he continued to practice for thirty years. He was a son of George and Barbara Ross, who were among the county's early settlers. On his mother's side, George A. Ross is descended from an historic and nationally prominent family, the Greeley family, one member of which was Horace Greeley, an earnest advocate of the abolition of slavery, United States Congressman from 1848 to 1849, and presidential candidate on the Liberal Republican and Democratic ticket. Mr. Greeley was perhaps best known as founder of the New York "Tribune." The grandfather of George A. Ross was William O. Bush, and his grandmother, Margaret (Greeley) Bush, was a sister of Horace Greeley. In the immediate family of Mr. Ross are two sisters, Mrs. Freda Cornell, a Fredonia State Normal graduate, and Miss Margaret Ross, a graduate of Allegheny College, who is now instructor in English at Ticonderoga, N. Y.

George A. Ross received his education at Clymer High School, Alfred Academy, Alfred University, and Allegheny College. He spent five years in teaching; one year at Findley Lake, one year at Clymer, and

three years as principal of Chautauqua High School. He was for six years traveling salesman for the Stranburg Music House of Jamestown. Upon the expiration of the term of Mr. Frank M. Potter, then postmaster at Chautauqua, Mr. Ross, who is a Democrat, became a candidate for the position. He received the loyal support of Chautauqua Institution officials, all of the county's prominent Democrats, and was on Dec. 17, 1915, appointed by President Woodrow Wilson to the position of postmaster which he now holds. Mr. Ross is a Free Mason, a member of Peacock Lodge No. 606, of Mayville.

George A. Ross was united in marriage to Mary Pearl Ferguson, of Erie, Pa., June 29, 1904.

**HENRY S. HOLMES**, one of the successful manufacturers of Jamestown, N. Y., is a native of Jamestown, born Dec. 28, 1888, a son of M. C. and Margaret (Ronne) Holmes, the former named the founder of the business which is now operated by his son. The elder Mr. Holmes died in the year 1915, survived by his wife, who makes her home at Jamestown.

Henry S. Holmes attended the local public schools as a lad, and attended for a time the Jamestown High School. He did not graduate from that institution, however, but matriculated at Ridgeley College, Ontario, Canada, where he took the usual academic course. Being ambitious, however, to begin business, he abandoned his studies before completing them and entered the Jamestown Business College, where he took a commercial course. Upon the completion of this, Mr. Holmes was employed in his father's establishment and there learned the business of manufacturing tents and awnings. This business had been established by his father in 1888, and the young man continued to work as an assistant until the death of his father in 1915. He then took over the business for himself, and during the intervening years it has developed to very large proportions under the capable management of Mr. Holmes. At the time of its founding, Mr. Holmes, Sr., did all the work of the establishment unaided, but at the present time (1920) the plant is a very large one with eleven thousand square feet of floor space, gives employment to fifteen hands, and has a market for its goods throughout New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio, where Mr. Holmes, Jr. has established agencies. He is regarded at the present time as one of the most successful and substantial business men of the community, and occupies a high place in the esteem of his fellow business men. In addition to his business activities, Mr. Holmes is prominent in the general life of the community, and is a member of a number of organizations including the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the National Tent and Awning Manufacturers' Association, and the New York State Tent and Awning Manufacturers' Association, of which he is a director. In politics, Mr. Holmes is a Democrat, but does not take an active part in the political activities of the community, his time and energies being entirely occupied in caring for his own large business interests.

Henry S. Holmes was united in marriage, April 29, 1914, at Chicago, Ill., with Annie Ridell, daughter of Frank R. and Susie (Whitelsey) Ridell, old and highly respected residents of Oak Park, Ill.

**LYMAN P. HAPGOOD**—As superintendent of light and water, Mr. Hapgood requires no introduction to his fellow-citizens of Jamestown. In the years during which he has held this very responsible office he has so devoted himself to the advancement of these two extremely important interests of his community, more especially the latter, as to merit and receive the gratitude of the many who have reaped the benefit of his strenuous fidelity.

Herbert L. Hapgood, father of Lyman P. Hapgood, is of Athol, Mass., where he was formerly engaged in the manufacture of match splints for old style matches. He married M. Josephine Proctor, and they are the parents of two sons: Lyman P., mentioned below; and Frederick H., graduate of Worcester Polytechnic Institute, and now employed as civil engineer by the firm of Hazen & Fuller, New York City; he was master engineer in the Engineers' Corps, Water Division, at Camp Dix; France, during the World War.

Lyman P. Hapgood, son of Herbert L. and M. Josephine (Proctor) Hapgood, was born June 18, 1876, at Athol, Mass. He received his education in the public schools of his native town. For three years he studied civil engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology at Boston, and in 1899 entered upon the practice of his profession as clerk in the Water Company of Beyer & Beyer, of Athol, Mass. His choice of a profession dated from boyhood, when in his summer vacations he had worked with engineers who were employed in his home town. This had given him an interest in the work and eventually led him to make the profession his own. In 1900 Mr. Hapgood was made superintendent, and in 1906 the plant was sold to the town. He went to Springfield, Mo., for the same firm and served as superintendent of their plant in that place until 1910. In that year he came to Jamestown, N. Y., as assistant superintendent, and in 1911 was made superintendent. In political principle and practice, Mr. Hapgood is a Republican. He is a member of the American Water Works Association, and the New England Water Works Association. In fraternal life he is affiliated with various Masonic bodies, member of the Blue Lodge, Chapter and Commandery of Athol, Council of Jamestown, and the Shrine of Buffalo, also belonging to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Alumni Association. He was reared in the Unitarian faith.

Mr. Hapgood married, May 7, 1907, at St. Louis, Mo. Emma C. Barrett, daughter of P. J. Barrett, of Adams Mass.

The promotion and improvement of the water supply system has been Mr. Hapgood's life work. His administration of his office entitles him to be regarded as a public benefactor, and in Jamestown he is held in high esteem by his fellowmen.

**FRANK JOHN THIES**, who has been prominent for some years in business circles at Fredonia, Chautauqua county, N. Y., where he is the owner of the J. C. Thies & Son Greenhouses and the Cherry Parl Gardens, is a native of this county, his birth having occurred on a farm at Arkwright, Sept. 9, 1879. Mr. Thies is a son of John C. and Minnie (Deitrich) Thies, the former the founder of the firm of florists of which his son is now the head. The elder Mr. Thies died in





CHERRY PARK GARDENS, FREDONIA, N. Y.  
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1919, but his wife survives him and continues to make her home in Fredonia.

Frank John Thies was little more than an infant when his parents removed from Chautauqua county to the West, and located on a farm in Nebraska, where the lad attended the local district schools and was brought up in the healthy environment of the western plains. His parents remained in Nebraska for about seven years and then returned to New York State, making their home for a time at Laona, Chautauqua county, where young Mr. Thies completed his general education at the public schools. He then attended the Fredonia Normal School. About this time, in the year 1889, Cherry Park Gardens was established by his father on property which had been badly run down through neglect of its former owners and was indeed not entirely cleared of its original growth of timber. There was no improvements on the land at the time but the elder Mr. Thies, assisted by his son, soon brought the land under cultivation and began there the fruit and flower culture which has since been carried to so high a point of development. A tract consisting of a little more than fifteen acres was originally devoted to this purpose, but the present Mr. Thies has found it more profitable to cut the acreage to precisely fifteen acres and concentrate his efforts in bringing them to a high state of cultivation. Great improvements have also been made on this place and a fine mansion has been built, together with offices and a number of large greenhouses. There are four of these latter, No. 1 measuring 150 x 25 feet, No. 2, 150 x 28 feet, No. 3, 150 x 22 feet, and No. 4, 150 x 20 feet. In addition to the delicate plants cultivated under glass, there are also grown outdoors a great number of flowering and fruit-bearing shrubs, and a large business is done in this line. First class shipping and packing rooms have been established and the 20,000 square feet which are contained under glass are equipped with modern furnaces and power rooms for the most adequate carrying on of the large industry. In addition to Cherry Park Gardens, Mr. Thies, who has succeeded his father as sole proprietor of the business since the latter's death, has a splendid fruit and vegetable farm of twenty acres in the township of Fredonia, which he also keeps in the highest state of cultivation. He all together employs as many as seventeen hands during the busy season, and grows about every known fruit, vegetable and flower on his various properties, although he specializes in carnations geraniums and tomato plants, shipping these and his other products to every part of the State. Mr. Thies is well known in the general life of the community, and is a member of a number of important organizations here, including the South Shore Grower & Shipper Association and the Florists' Club. He is a Republican in politics and attends the Methodist Episcopal church.

Frank John Thies was united in marriage, June 21, 1907, with Gertrude Neff, of Frewsburg, N. Y., a daughter of Ed. and Eliza (Bouquin) Neff, old and highly respected residents of the town of Pomfret. Mr. and Mrs. Thies are the parents of two children: Laura, aged ten, and John, aged two.

**HARVEY W. PARKER**, one of the leading farmers of the Mayville section of Chautauqua county, N. Y., is representative of the worthiest agricultural effort

in Chautauqua county; he has risen to success from the humblest of beginnings only by the most resolute application to hard tasks. When he took the first portion of his present valuable farming property, it had no improvements and was covered with heavy second growth timber, which, little by little, with scarcely any help, and only by dint of the hardest kind of work, often under most discouraging conditions, he and his wife gradually cleared. It was work such as the pioneers did, such as his own father did when he first came into the county in 1818. At that time the land upon which Harvey W. was eventually born was practically all virgin forest—wilderness—and it was that worthy pioneer spirit which enabled William Parker to keep doggedly on, at tasks which seemed almost impossible of accomplishment, until such time as he could realize that he owned a cleared acreage of good agricultural yield. And an effort similar to his was that of his son, Harvey W., sixty years later, although perhaps the circumstances of the son were even more discouraging, for when Harvey W. Parker started to develop his first holding it was under an incubus of debt; he had to incur heavy liabilities in making his first purchase, and his present rich farm and fine buildings, plus that wealth which is without price—a worthy family of seven children—represent the sum total of the life effort of two worthy Chautauqua county people—Harvey W. Parker and his wife, Anna (Stebbins) Parker, who was his stay, his comfort, his encouragement, and also his co-worker, through all the hard times and trials of their early years upon the farm.

Harvey W. Parker was born Oct. 17, 1855, on the farm which adjoins his present property, near Mayville, Chautauqua county, N. Y. His parents, William and Sarah (Davis) Parker, are both now deceased, but during their lives were much respected by the people of the neighborhood.

Harvey W. Parker, in his early years, attended the district school to some extent, but very early in life he was doing sundry light tasks upon his father's farm, and as he grew in strength and stature, so his agricultural duties grew in responsibility and in the physical effort necessary. He conscientiously and ably assisted his father in the development of the family property until he was twenty-three years old, by which time he had become a good farmer, conversant with most of the operations of a general farm, and possessed of a strength and spirit such as to give him confidence that he himself could accomplish the hard task of winning a piece of land from the wild state. For a while he rented a farm nearby, but eventually purchased the first forty acres of his present holding, going deeply into debt to buy it. His early trials have already been referred to, and not many of the farmers of this generation would enter upon such tasks. As opportunity came, he added to his acreage, until now he has a compact estate of 122 acres of good land, properly improved. His residence is an imposing one, commodious and substantial, which was necessary, for he and his wife raised a large family. And all the farm buildings are spacious and substantial. Every building on the place was built by Mr. Parker, as was also every fence, and the property is well fenced. About fifty-five acres are in cultivation, and the remainder is rich pasture and woodland, and upon one piece of property more re-



cently acquired is some virgin timber. Altogether the farm is a well-balanced one, adapted well to the purpose to which Mr. Parker has put it, dairy and general farming.

Mr. Parker is a member of the local Grange, and in political allegiance is a Republican. He has been school trustee, and he has been urged upon many occasions to stand for public office, but he has consistently refused, feeling that he could not spare the time from the requirements of his own farm management. But he would have probably succeeded, had he stood for public office, for he is a man who is much esteemed in the neighborhood.

On Dec. 16, 1879, Harvey W. Parker married Anna Stebbins, who lived on a nearby farm, and was of an old Chautauqua county family. She was his constant helpmate in all things until her death, which occurred in 1903, and they were the parents of eight children, seven of whom they reared. The deceased child, Francis Leon, died in infancy. The seven surviving children, in the order of their birth, are: 1. Fred, who was educated in the district schools of Chautauqua township, and now has a farm of his own near Brocton, N. Y. 2. Grace, who attended the same schools as did her elder brother, and also took the course of the training school at Westfield, N. Y., eventually becoming a school teacher. 3. Grant, also educated in the district schools of Chautauqua township, and now a farmer. 4. Bert, similarly educated, and also a farmer. 5. Edna, who attended the district school and is now at home. 6. George, also at home. 7. Ruth, also at home. All the children attended high school at Mayville after attending the country school.

The value of Chautauqua county, N. Y., from an agricultural standpoint, has been developed by such noteworthy efforts as those of Harvey W. Parker and his father, William Parker. And Harvey W. Parker has given four stalwart sons to continue the development, and all are in agriculture.

**WESLEY G. BRONSON**, who since 1912 has been the owner of the extensive farm in Ripley township, Chautauqua county, N. Y., upon which his parents settled in 1835. They, Alvin and Maria (Hamm) Bronson, may be considered to have been among the pioneer settlers, for their farm in 1835 was practically in its wild state, unimproved.

It was upon this same farm that Wesley G. Bronson was born, Sept. 27, 1860, and he has lived in the district practically all his life. For six years he worked at farming occupations in Sherman township, and for four years was similarly employed in Mina township of Chautauqua county, but the remainder of his life has been passed in Ripley township, and mostly in cultivating the farm upon which he was born. He was educated in the district school of Ripley township, and afterwards took resolutely to farming operations upon the parental farm. In 1912, the ownership passed to him, he having purchased the share of the other heirs, and he has since undertaken considerable improvements upon the place. Every improvement, of course, was put there either by his father or by himself, but during the last seven years he has made rapid progress. The 150 acres, which is the extent of the property, is now

a valuable holding, and during the years since he became sole owner of it he has rebuilt barn and house has built a large silo, and has laid out a large grape vineyard. Upon the farm he maintains twenty cattle and has some fine horses. He is progressive, energetic and skillful in his farming, and his average yearly outgoing in wages for farm help is \$300.

In national politics Mr. Bronson has not taken much part; he is an Independent in national politics, and is independent in most of his relations to political questions; he is a man who thinks for himself, and some matters of national policies have been the subject of deep thought by him. In local administration, however, he has always been very much interested, and has consented to participate, to some extent, in the work of local administration; he has held the office of school trustee, and in many other ways has cooperated in community affairs. Religiously he is a Methodist, member of the local Methodist Episcopal church and a substantial supporter thereof. During the recent war Mr. Bronson proved himself to be wholly patriotic, contributing substantially to the national loans, and to the other funds raised by various agencies of the government for the purposes of the nation in the war.

On Aug. 23, 1888, Mr. Bronson married Lida Thorp, of Jamestown. She is a woman of marked intelligence and refined bearing, and it is of interest to note that in her schooldays some of her playmates were boys who later took prominent part in the affairs of Chautauqua county, and of Jamestown, and some of them are the historians on the editorial board of this historical work of Chautauqua county. To Wesley G. and Lida (Thorp) Bronson have been born seven children, as follows: 1. Hazel, born July 16, 1889; was educated in the district school of Ripley township; married R. L. Waite, to whom she has born one child, Nelson. 2. Walter E.; born June 2, 1892; enlisted, Nov. 22, 1917, at Westfield, N. Y., serving in first enlistment period at date of discharge; appointed corporal, Feb. 13, 1918, in the American Expeditionary Forces; worked at construction work at Camp Dix, N. J., Camp Kelley, Tex., Camp Seveir, S. C., and in England, reaching England, Aug. 23, 1918, serving until the close of the war; his discharge paper says: "Character excellent, service honest and faithful;" he returned to the United States, Dec. 11, 1918; married Alma Perdue. 3. Florence, born Feb. 8, 1894; educated in the district school of Ripley township, and later a graduate of a business college; she is now in commercial life, having a satisfactory position in Erie, Pa. 4. Lillie, born Feb. 15, 1896; educated at the district school, and now at home. 5. Harvey, born April 13, 1897; educated similarly, and now at home assisting his father in the management of the farm. 6. Bernice, born Aug. 16, 1899; similarly educated, and now at home. 7. Alvin, born July 9, 1905; still at school.

Mr. and Mrs. Bronson have a worthy family, and have a large number of sincere friends in the neighborhood. They are very hospitable, and live the wholesome, happy and comfortable life that comes by upright actions, honest toil, and conscientious dealings.

**JOSEPH BREADS**, well-to-do farmer, and representative of the responsible agriculturists of Chautauqua county, N. Y., has lived in the county since 1862.



and upon the farm he now owns, near Volusia, since 1868. He comes of a pioneer family of Chautauqua county, for when his father and his brothers came to that section of the county in 1862 it was mainly uncultivated land, and there is only one farmer now living in the neighborhood of Volusia who was there when the Breads brothers settled in the vicinity.

Joseph Breads was born on the family homestead in Oneida county, N. Y., Aug. 10, 1845, the son of William and Sarah (Sims) Breads. His father had a farming property in Oneida county and there the family lived until Joseph was fifteen years old, and in the district schools of the neighborhood Joseph received his education. About 1862, his father, William Breads, and his brothers, Benjamin and Isaac, who were also farmers in Oneida county, decided to remove with their families to Chautauqua county. William Breads settled on a large farm of 300 acres near the one now owned by his son, Joseph, and Benjamin and Isaac settled near him. In the spring of 1868, Joseph Breads, son of William Breads, came to the farm he now lives on with his father, and in 1870 bought 80 acres. Joseph Breads is a skilled agriculturist, and has developed the land until it is now a valuable property, the fifty-two years of his cultivation of it having brought him substantial return, both in material possessions and in the respect of his neighbors. He has a twin brother who also has lived in Chautauqua county most of his life, and has conducted a general repair shop. And he has one sister, Charlotte, who married and went to Australia, but he has not heard from her for twenty years.

The Breads family are earnest Methodists, Joseph Breads and his wife, Mary (Gossett) Breads, being members of the Volusia Methodist Episcopal Church, and good supporters thereof. Mr. Breads is a Republican in national politics, but has never held what might strictly be called political office. He has always been interested in the affairs of his own district, and the neighboring community of Volusia, and has at different times taken active part in its affairs; he was trustee of Public School No. 11, for some years; and in the functioning of the Lombard Grange he has been prominent; in fraternal and benevolent society movements he has been interested, being a member of the Westfield Blue Lodge of Masons and the Sherman, N. Y., Encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

During the World War, he worthily did his part, both in contributing substantially to the various patriotic funds, and in the closer application to the matters of production upon his farm, which increased production of foodstuffs by American farmers had such an important bearing upon the final victory which came. It is now a matter of history, and generally recognized, that the war was not won only in France. Those who labored in the home countries had almost as appreciable a part as had the armies in the field; certainly the question of foodstuffs was at one time of such vital urgency that but for the increased effort of the patriotic and hard-working American farmer the outlook for the cause of America and her allies would have been desperate. Therefore, to the individual American farmer, who had his share in the effort, is due a recording of that share.

Joseph Breads was married, April 19, 1871, to Mary Gossett, of Sherman, N. Y., and they are now drawing near to the golden anniversary of their wedding. Both are highly esteemed in the neighborhood in which they have lived for so many years. They have one child, Flora. She received a good education, attending the district school for the elementary grades, and then going to Westfield to attend the high school at that place. She eventually graduated, and some years later married Henry Witt, a man of responsible position in industrial life, being foreman in the tanners' department at the American Locomotive Works at Dunkirk, N. Y. One child, a daughter, Juva May, has been born to them.

Joseph Breads has lived an upright, industrious and productive life, in which steadiness of purpose and integrity, both material and moral, have been marked characteristics, and he has a definite place in the historical record of that section of Chautauqua county.

**JOHN A. KLING**—Mayville, N. Y., and Chautauqua county in general, seem to be regions where a number of men of Swedish birth have elected to make their homes. They have, upon coming to this country from Sweden, established themselves here, and many of them have successfully engaged in enterprises which have not only benefited themselves, but the community-at-large as well. John A. Kling, of this sketch, may be mentioned as one of the successful men of foreign birth to have settled here and a man whose integrity and square business dealings have won for him a distinguished place in the esteem and regard of his fellow-men.

John A. Kling was born in Sweden, July 31, 1868, and is a son of Andrew Peter and Marie Kling. The elder Mr. Kling was a contractor and builder of high standing. John A. Kling received his education in the schools of his native land, and in 1885, at the age of seventeen, came to America. Upon arriving here, he worked as a cabinetmaker, obtaining a position in the establishment of Breed & Johnson, in Jamestown. He did considerable work in the large factories hereabouts, gaining a considerable amount of experience. He accepted a position in the employ of Charles Norquist, where he remained for two seasons. Here his work consisted of making roll top desks. He later accepted a position as foreman of the cabinet department of John Benson & Son, proprietors of the Chautauqua Desk Company, with whom he remained two years, and then went with the Cadwell Cabinet Company. In the latter establishment he was the superintendent, laying out the work and estimating the cost of production, two very important posts. He remained with these people for a period of seven years, during which time he learned a great deal and at the same time saved a considerable portion of his earnings, with a view to some day becoming independent. About 1901 he became superintendent of the Randolph Furniture Company and remained with these people for about ten years. At the end of this time, having saved up enough money, he was enabled to realize his long cherished ambition, and began independently in business in a small way, organizing a stock company at Mayville, N. Y., under the style of the Chautauqua Cabinet Company, manufacturers of bedroom furniture. The officers of the concern are as

follows: John A. Kling, president and treasurer, Arvid J. Kling, vice-president, and Mrs. J. A. Kling secretary. The concern was incorporated in April, 1911, with John A. Kling as president and treasurer, Edwin Hitchcock, vice-president, and Anton T. Anderson, secretary. These four gentlemen were also directors of the corporation. They obtained the building of the Chautauqua Spring Bed & Lounge Company, a three-story structure, 75 x 60 feet, and installed all modern machinery. The concern now employs fifty to sixty hands, and they ship their product to all parts of the United States. During the recent World War the plant was turned into a war manufactory and made airplane parts, magazine containers, and hospital trays, with great success. In addition to this enterprise, Mr. Kling is also actively interested in the Brocton Furniture Company, of Brocton, N. Y., taking the management in 1915, and is also secretary.

The Chautauqua Cabinet Company and the Brocton Furniture Company employ approximately 150 hands, with a combined output of over three-quarters of a million dollars. Mr. Kling has been a representative of the Village Board of Mayville for four years, and is a prominent member of the Republican party in this region.

John A. Kling was united in marriage, Oct. 1, 1890, with Anna Augusta Anderson, a daughter of Andrew Anderson, a resident of Jamestown. To Mr. and Mrs. Kling four children have been born, as follows: Arvid J.; Edith Augusta, who is deceased; Holger, deceased; and Denold.

**THE ALLEN FAMILY**—More than a century has elapsed since Elisha Allen, the first member of his family to leave his New England home, journeyed westward to Chautauqua county, N. Y. In all of the progress and development of the early time and down to the present, Allens have figured in all important measures or movements, and been identified with the county through service in many fields. The paragraphs and pages following contain extracts from a history of the century in Chautauqua county showing the lives and deeds of four generations of this branch of the Allen family.

The New England progenitor, Captain Allen, of Princeton, Mass., while serving as sheriff there, was murdered by a prisoner he was guarding. His widow moved with her family to Wardsboro, Vt., and there Elisha Allen, son of Captain Allen, spent his youth and early manhood.

Elisha Allen was born in Princeton, Mass., in 1786, and died in Jamestown, N. Y., in 1830. He married, in early manhood, Juliette Holbrook, born in Sturbridge, Mass., in 1790, her family later coming to Chautauqua county. Elisha Allen first came to Chautauqua county in 1816, and in that year bought the property on which stood the Jamestown House and the Gifford House. He first came on a trading trip, and the same year returned to his New England home. In 1817 he came again with his wife and two sons. He was a man of forceful character and good business ability, and wisely he invested the capital brought by him from Vermont. For many years he kept the Allen House, and just south of Jamestown he owned a farm which later became the property of his eldest son, Augustus

Franklin Allen. Elisha Allen, in addition to his hotel and his farm, was a merchant, and operated Durham boats on the lake and streams of Chautauqua. It was Elisha Allen who built and operated the famous "horse-boat" on Chautauqua Lake, described in this work, and he had large lumbering interests. He prospered, and when he passed away in 1830 he left a considerable fortune for that period and place. The children of Elisha and Juliette (Holbrook) Allen were: Augustus Franklin, of whom further; and Dascum, born in 1815; these two children were born in the East. Those born in Jamestown were: Adaline, born in 1817, died in 1851; Prudence Olivia, born in 1821, died in 1854; and Abner Holbrook, born in 1823, died in 1849.

Augustus Franklin Allen, son of Elisha and Juliette (Holbrook) Allen, was born in 1813 and died in Jamestown, N. Y., Jan. 20, 1875. He was seventeen years of age when the death of his father, Elisha Allen, left him, the eldest son, head of the family. He met his responsibilities in a wonderful manner, and within a year or two had with his brother Dascum formed a mercantile and lumbering firm, which operated in Chautauqua and Cattaraugus counties, N. Y., and Warren county, Pa., very successfully until 1846. In 1848, with Daniel Grandin, he formed the firm, Allen & Grandin, woolen manufacturers, which operated until 1867, when it was succeeded by Allen, Preston & Company. Augustus F. and Dascum Allen had also extensive real estate interests which continued mutual until 1865, when the brothers separated.

Colonel Allen was heartily in favor of bringing a railroad to Jamestown and as early as 1851 he participated in the organization of the Erie & New York City Railroad, which originally extended from the Little Valley Creek to the Pennsylvania State line, and had a capital of \$750,000. The town of Ellicott and various towns on the line of the road issued bonds, or in their corporate capacity took stock in the road, as did many private individuals. This company did considerable grading on the line of the road, but failed as an organization, and was afterwards sold to the Atlantic & Great Western Railway. It was mainly owing to Augustus F. Allen's sagacity and good management that the greater part of all the investments made by the different towns on the line were saved to them in the transfer, and that the line of the Atlantic & Great Western Railway was finally completed through Southern Chautauqua with very little cost to its citizens. Mr. Allen was for many years a director of the Atlantic & Great Western Railway, and of all the men who interested themselves in opening up this section of the country by proper railroad facilities, none devoted so much time and energy to the project as Augustus F. Allen, who clearly recognized the necessity of better traveling and freight accommodations to develop the interests of Southern Chautauqua. He gave much time to the public service, and for seventeen years represented the town of Ellicott on the Board of Supervisors, 1847-48, 1852, 1856, 1860 to 1868, 1871 to 1874.

During the war period, 1861-65, he was chairman of the County War Committee, and labored unceasingly for the welfare of the soldiers at the front and their families at home. In his early manhood, Augustus F. Allen had been commissioned a colonel in the State



militia, and during the Civil War was appointed colonel of the 112th Regiment, New York State Volunteers, for the purpose of recruiting, organizing and equipping the regiment. In 1867 he was elected a member of the State Constitutional Convention.

In the winter of 1872-73, the building of the Buffalo & Jamestown Railway was first agitated, and Colonel Allen gave his best efforts to the inception and organization of that enterprise, the first public meeting on the project being held at his office. His character and personal influence inspired confidence in the project, and although not completed until after his death, the success of the road was largely due to his efforts.

In the fall of 1874, Colonel Allen accepted an Independent nomination for Congress in opposition to the regular Republican candidate, Walter L. Sessions. Colonel Allen was nominated in a district which under ordinary circumstances gave from five to seven thousand Republican majority, but with characteristic zeal he waged his campaign, and after the most hotly-contested campaign that the district had ever known he was elected by a large majority. But the arduous work of the campaign, and the incessant labor of long years of intense business activity, culminated in an attack of brain fever, to which Colonel Allen succumbed on Jan. 20, 1875.

Colonel Allen married, in 1836, Margaret Cook, daughter of Dr. Robert Cook, of New York City. Eight children were born to them, two only surviving childhood: Alfred D. Allen, of whom further, and Mrs. Charlotte Oliva Black, of whom further. Colonel Allen built the family home on the corner of East Fourth and Spring streets, which is yet standing practically unchanged, although it has passed out of the hands of the family. Through all the years they lived in this house Augustus F. Allen and his wife Margaret made their home a community center in the truest and best sense. Here were received alike distinguished visitors and the humblest neighbors with true and cordial hospitality that brought happiness and cheer to many lives.

Colonel Allen became the owner of the farm just south of Jamestown, which by the extension of the city is now within its limits. Part of that farm is now (1920) in the hands of the fourth Allen generation, another portion now being Allen Park, deeded to the city in 1908 by his daughter-in-law, Virginia M. Allen, in memory of her father-in-law and husband. Colonel Allen was loved by his contemporaries as a friend, esteemed by them as a neighbor, and honored as a citizen. Energetic, progressive and public-spirited, he served well his day and generation, and left an honorable record to his posterity.

Alfred D. Allen, son of Colonel Augustus Franklin and Margaret (Cook) Allen, was born in Jamestown, N. Y., in 1841, and died there in 1877, in his thirty-seventh year. After completing his education here, when quite young, became manager of his father's farm, lying south but near Jamestown. He was also for several years prior to his passing engaged in flour milling, his plant known as the Dexter Mills. From 1875 to 1877 Albert D. Miller was associated with him in the milling business. It was at the Dexter Mills that the first "patent" flour was made in Jamestown. At the corner of East Third and Pine streets, Mr. Allen main-

tained a flour and feed store, the site of that store his own birthplace. That property descended to his sons and later passed out of the family name. Mr. Allen was a good business man, and although cut off before even reaching middle age he had accumulated a handsome competence from his business enterprises.

Mr. Allen married in 1869, Virginia M. Mahon, of New York, who survived her husband forty-two years, dying in Fort Worth, Tex., while traveling with her son, Augustus F. Allen and family in the South. She is buried in Lakeview Cemetery, Jamestown. They were the parents of two sons who survived childhood: Augustus F., named for his grandfather; and Alfred D., named for his father. Both are of further mention in this review.

Charlotte Olivia Allen, daughter of Colonel Augustus Franklin and Margaret (Cook) Allen, was born in Jamestown, N. Y., in 1848, and died in Alameda, Cal., Jan. 20, 1888. She was given all the advantages of education, and her charming personality won her many friends. In 1867 she married James Black, of New York City, and they were the parents of a daughter, Melita. Mrs. Black was widely traveled, her tours covering Europe and Northern Africa, quite out of the beaten tourists routes. From her travel she gained a culture and a broad outlook on life, obtainable in no other way. She resided several years in New York City, and was there identified with charitable causes and different organizations. After the death of her mother in 1885, Mrs. Black's health failed and with her daughter she sought the mild air of California, making her home in Alameda, where she died aged forty years. After her death the old Allen homestead, corner of East Fourth and Spring streets, Jamestown, so long the abode of hospitality and good fellowship, was closed and later passed out of the family.

Augustus F. Allen, eldest son of Alfred D. and Virginia M. (Mahon) Allen, was born in Jamestown, Sept. 7, 1873. He attended the Jamestown schools and Harvard University, took up the study of law and gained admission to the bar. He did not devote much time to the practice of his profession, but upon his return to Jamestown conducted extensive real estate operations. The large tract of farm land on the south side of Foote avenue and extending to the city line was platted in building lots, and encouragement in such practical form was given prospective home owners that one of the most attractive residential sections of the city was built up. The beauty of the locality was still further enhanced by the gift of a tract of land by Virginia M. Allen, the property being given over to the park commission and by that body greatly improved. It is now the principal park of Jamestown and known as Allen Park.

As a young man Mr. Allen entered public life, in which a wide acquaintance and a personality of magnetic charm were his strongest assets. His first office was supervisor of his district, and his first campaign was for the Republican nomination, which was equivalent to an election. The manner in which he secured this and his subsequent election brought him into conspicuous notice as a future factor in local politics. After a term as supervisor, 1905-06, in which his record was generally approved, he was nominated on the Republican ticket for

the New York State Assembly from the First Chautauqua District, and was successful in the ensuing election, serving four terms 1907-08-09-10. Mr. Allen was a loyal and consistent supporter of Governor Charles E. Hughes in all of the constructive legislation sponsored by that executive, regardless of the dictates of policy or of party leaders. He was known in the legislature and among his constituency as a strong adherent of Governor Hughes and was close to the governor in much of the important political action of the times. He was honored by an invitation to join the governor's party in a visit to the St. Louis Exposition.

Mr. Allen left the Assembly to assume the duties of postmaster of Jamestown, and his administration was one satisfactory from every point of view. Upon his retirement from office he became deputy election commissioner of the State with headquarters in New York City, serving until with the change of party power a Democratic successor was appointed. Since that time he has given his time to his Jamestown properties and to oil operations in the South, and in this line he has met with great success.

Mr. Allen is a veteran of the Spanish War. Immediately after the outbreak of war with Spain, in 1898, he began the recruiting of a cavalry company in Jamestown. This was speedily done, but about the same time the 202nd Regiment was being formed in Buffalo, and in order to get more quickly into the service Mr. Allen discontinued his recruiting work in Jamestown and enlisted as a private in this regiment. Many others who had originally preferred the cavalry organization followed his lead. Soon after the departure of the 202nd from Buffalo, he became sergeant major of the regiment, and when it was assigned to winter duty in Cuba he was commissioned second lieutenant, a distinction won through faithful, soldierly service. He served with the 202nd until its return in the following year and subsequent demobilization. Although Mr. Allen was beyond the draft age in the World War, he sought opportunity for service, and when the armistice was signed he was making preparations to close up his affairs and to enlist as a private for overseas duty.

Mr. Allen married Mrs. Helen Crane, of Buffalo, N. Y. They are the parents of a daughter, Virginia M. Allen, named after Mr. Allen's mother.

Alfred D. Allen, youngest son of Alfred D. and Virginia M. (Mahon) Allen, was born in Jamestown, N. Y., in 1877. He was educated in Jamestown public schools and completed his studies in the Berkeley School, New York City. In 1906, he went to Oklahoma and entered the hotel business and has operated in Oklahoma, Illinois, and Texas. He is a veteran of two wars. He served in the Spanish-American War in the 46th United States Volunteer Infantry, and served nearly two years in the Phillipine Islands. When the United States entered the World War, he enlisted and was commissioned a second lieutenant. He served with the 35th Division in France and went through the hard fighting that this division had without any serious wounds.

**WALTER RECORD**—Three generations of Records have left their imprint upon the history of Chautauqua county, N. Y., to which the first of the name,

Israel Record, came less than a century ago. Israel Record settled in the town of Sherman, in 1830, but later moved to the town of Hanover, where he ended his years, eighty-nine, fifty-seven of which had been spent in Chautauqua county, and nearly all of them in the town of Hanover. He was one of the strong Democrats of his day, and never surrendered an iota of his confidence in the party of Jefferson and Jackson. His memory was a wonderful storehouse of knowledge, and it is said that within a few days after President Cleveland's inaugural address was published he repeated it verbatim and remembered it perfectly until he died. Dates and places, laws and State constitutions, amendments and the men who advocated them, were as familiar to his memory when past eighty years of age as to the eye of an ordinary man when looking at the printed page of an open book, and when he once asserted the correctness of a statement it was useless to refer to a book for corroborative proof—he was always bound to be correct. The old pioneer left sons who worthily bore his name, and one of these sons John G. Record, practiced law for thirty-six years at the Chautauqua county bar, and in turn left a son, Walter Record, who after the privilege of association in law practice with his honored father until the latter's death then assumed the business, and for another quarter of a century has maintained the high reputation the Record name has always borne in the profession and in private life.

The Records came to Chautauqua county from the Valley of the Hudson, where Rev. John Record, an active minister of the Baptist church of Poughkeepsie was later prominent in business, operating a grist mill for several years. His son, Israel Record, born in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Oct. 12, 1798, died in the village of Silver Creek, Chautauqua county, N. Y., July 16, 1887. In 1830, with wife and two children, he came to the town of Sherman, Chautauqua county, and a few years later moved to the town of Hanover, where his entire after-life was spent. He was a farmer and cattle dealer at his active years, and a man universally esteemed. He married Mary Gardner, born in Dutchess county, N. Y., died in Perrysburg, Cattaraugus county, in 1880, aged eighty-four years. They were the parents of eight children: Emily, married William Wood; Ursula, married Norman Babcock, of Silver Creek; Laura, married William Parkman; William K.; John G., of further mention; Walter; Cornelius; and Daphne.

John G. Record, son of Israel and Mary (Gardner) Record, was born at Smith's Mills, in the town of Hanover, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Oct. 2, 1836, died at his home in Forestville, N. Y., Aug. 12, 1895. He was educated in public schools, Middlebury and Wyoming academies, his law studies beginning immediately after his graduation from Wyoming Academy. He studied law under the preceptorship of Sherman & Scott of the Chautauqua bar, then practicing in Forestville. He was admitted to the Chautauqua bar in December, 1859, an practiced his profession very successfully in Forestville until his death, thirty-six years later. In politics Mr. Record was a zealous Democrat of Jeffersonian view always stood upon the platform of the old time genuine principles of his party, and advocated honesty and economy in State as well as National affairs. In 1879, M.







*J. A. Bergwall*

Record was elected supervisor of the town of Hanover, and several times accepted nominations from his party for other offices, in its plucky but hopeless fights against the overwhelming Republican majority in Chautauqua county.

Mr. Record married (first) in 1862, Mary Farnham, of Forestville, who died in March, 1886, leaving four children: Nellie, married I. K. Dye; Walter, of further mention; Charles F., and Ralph. Charles F. Record, although a Democrat in politics, is serving in the capacity of postmaster of Forestville, having been appointed in April, 1916. Mr. Record married (second) Oct. 2, 1887, Nora M. Hayward, of Versailles, N. Y., and they were the parents of two daughters, Daphne and Mollie.

Walter Record, son of John G. Record and his first wife, Mary (Farnham) Record, was born in Forestville, Chautauqua county, N. Y., June 4, 1868, and there yet resides. After finishing the full course of study furnished by the Forestville schools, he studied law under the able teaching of his father and in October, 1892, was admitted to the New York bar. He was at once admitted to a partnership with his father, but that association was dissolved, Aug. 12, 1895, by the death of the honored senior partner. Since that date Walter Record has practiced alone and has won high standing at the Chautauqua bar. A Democrat in politics, Mr. Record has allowed his name to be used as the party candidate for Assembly and district attorney, not through expectation of success or political ambition for his party in so decided a minority, but party loyalty alone induced him to accept the nomination. In local affairs, where politics is forgotten, he has met with better success, and has served as president of the village.

Mr. Record married (first) July 20, 1889, Nellie M. Judd, who died Aug. 26, 1894. He married (second) March 16, 1898, Minerva P. Strong. The family home is in Forestville.

**DARWIN RUSSELL CLARK, JR.**—When Mr. Clark left his father's farm in the town of Carroll, he became an employe of the Lake View Cemetery Association in Jamestown, where he now holds the position of assistant superintendent. His choice of work was most natural, for his great-grandfather, his grandfather, and an uncle all were engaged in cemetery management and care. He is a son of Darwin Russell and Nellie A. (Bull) Clark, his father a farmer of the town of Carroll.

Darwin Russell Clark, Jr., was born in Jamestown, N. Y., Sept. 27, 1882. He was educated in the district schools of the town of Carroll, and later completed a business course at Jamestown Business College. Until about nineteen years of age, Mr. Clark was his father's assistant at the farm in Carroll, and then came to Jamestown, securing employment with the Lake View Cemetery Association, and until the present year (1920) has continued his connection with the association, now being assistant superintendent. For many years he has been a notary public in and for the county of Chautauqua. He is a Republican in politics, a member of the Woodmen of the World, and of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Jamestown. For many years Mr. Clark was a member of Company E, 65th Regiment, New York National Guard, and as cook served with Com-

pany E., 74th Regiment New York National Guard, in the service of the United States Government, on the Mexican border under call of the president. His service on the border extended from July 1, 1916, to Nov. 5, 1916, when by reason of Paragraph 33, Special Order, 264, Southern Department, 1916, he was finally mustered out at Fort Hamilton, N. Y., with a full and honorable discharge.

Mr. Clark married, in Jamestown, N. Y., Dec. 28, 1904, Minnie Mary Akins, daughter of Frank Seymour and Katherine Amanda (Heinemann) Akins. Mr. and Mrs. Clark are the parents of five children: Frank Brooks, born Sept. 7, 1905; Virginia Naomi, born July 1, 1908; Lynn Russell, born Nov. 4, 1915; Nellie Katherine, born Sept. 5, 1917; Barbara Akins, born Nov. 10, 1919. The family home is at No. 52 Buffalo street, Jamestown.

**JOSEPH A. BERGWALL**—The present satisfactory standing of the Bergwall Printing Company among the successful business enterprises of Jamestown, N. Y., is mainly the result of the continued efforts of its founder, the late Joseph A. Bergwall, who was a prominent publisher and citizen, and his two sons, Harold J. and Milton E. Joseph A. Bergwall followed the business as a printer in Jamestown for more than thirty years, and at the time of his death was considered a dean in his trade here.

He was a native of Sweden, his birth occurring there, Aug. 17, 1870. He came to this country when a young man, and in 1882 established himself, in a small way, as an independent printer, setting up his plant in a basement at the corner of Main and East Third streets, Jamestown. Later, the business having increased to large proportions, he moved to more spacious quarters in the building of the American National Bank. During the course of time the printing plant changed location several times, until 1912, when it finally became established at its present address, the corner of West Second and Washington streets. This final installation must have been the source of much gratification and pleasure to Mr. Bergwall when he realized how different the new plant was in comparison to the humble beginning he made thirty years previously in Jamestown. He then had but one hand press, and in the new plant there were six presses of which two are cylinders and four job presses, the latter being Linotype machines, and a complete modern apparatus for binding and folding. In 1920 a building adjoining the one erected in 1912 by Mr. Bergwall was acquired for additional space, and this was converted into the press department of the plant. This company now turns out all forms of magazine, book and catalogue work, as well as considerable job printing and book binding.

The Bergwall Printing Company, Incorporated, received its charter of incorporation in 1910, and its original officials were: Joseph A. Bergwall, president and treasurer; E. E. Carpenter, vice-president; and Mrs. Selma V. Bergwall, secretary. Following the death of Mr. Bergwall, in 1915, the personnel became as follows: Harold J. Bergwall, president; Mrs. Selma V. Bergwall, vice-president; and Milton E. Bergwall, secretary and treasurer.

Aside from the business activities in his own organ-

ization, Mr. Bergwall was prominently connected with other interests and well abreast with the affairs of the city.

He was a director and president of the Vart Land Newspaper, a Swedish journal issued daily to a large subscription throughout the section. When the city of Jamestown was represented in the Interstate Baseball League, Mr. Bergwall was one of the local club's strongest supporters and once its president. While not a member of its official board, he was a stockholder in the American National Bank of Jamestown and did much to assist in the good will of this institution. The Jamestown Board of Commerce was also benefited by his affiliation, as he was one of its organizers. In club and fraternal life, Mr. Bergwall was one of the founders of the Norden Club, member of the Loyal Order of Moose, Knights of Pythias, and various Swedish fraternal orders. Politically, while he did not seek nor hold public office, he was one of the strong supporters of the Republican party and was active in the management of the party's affairs locally. He and his family were members of the First Lutheran Church of Jamestown, and it can be said that Mr. Bergwall was truly a Christian.

Mr. Bergwall married, in Jamestown, Selma V. Swanson, a native of Sweden. To them were born two sons: Harold Joseph and Milton Earl, both of whom appear in the following lines.

Mr. Bergwall was a man of good business foresight and well regarded in business circles. He was always interested in the welfare of Jamestown and aided in movements of civic interest. In a social way he had hosts of warm friends, and when his death occurred, Sept. 25, 1915, it was a sad loss to the community-at-large.

**HAROLD J. BERGWALL** was born in Jamestown, July 30, 1895. He was educated in the public and high schools of that city. In order to equip himself adequately for successful coöperation in the printing business, he went to Pittsburgh, Pa., and there took the printing and advertising course at the Carnegie Institute of Technology, graduating in 1917. The Bergwall Printing Company was then mainly under the supervision of his mother, so Harold J. returned to Jamestown immediately after graduating, and entered at once into business. As a matter of fact, he was expert in many printing operations long before he went to Pittsburgh for the special course, for it had been his custom for many years, while still in school in Jamestown, to work in his father's shop after school hours and during vacation. In 1918 he became president of the company, and because of his technical education and natural inclination, devotes himself mainly to the management of the shops, leaving the commercial affairs of the company to his younger brother. Harold J. Bergwall is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons. In church activities he belongs to the First Lutheran Church of Jamestown. He is fond of athletics, and his leisure is mainly spent in boating and yachting during the season on Chautauqua Lake, he being a member of the Chadakoin Club.

He married, July 26, 1920, Florine A. Hooker, of Jamestown.

**MILTON E. BERGWALL** was born in Jamestown, Aug. 20, 1897. He was educated in the Jamestown public and high schools, and in 1915, after graduating from the High School began to work steadily in the Bergwall Printing plant. Like his brother, he had worked previously in the shop after school hours and during vacations, so that he soon became expert. Such knowledge has been of value to him in the later responsibilities which became his share of the work. In 1919, he was elected secretary and treasurer of the corporation, and attends to the commercial phase of its operation. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, and belongs to the Chadakoin and Norden clubs. He attends the First Lutheran Church.

**FREDERICK YALE TOY**—Prominent among the young business men of Jamestown and well known in financial circles of Chautauqua county since his coming here in October, 1917, is Frederick Yale Toy. At the time of his coming to Chautauqua county, Mr. Toy was affiliated with Chandler & Company, bankers and financial experts of New York and Philadelphia. His first activities in the county were to aid in the organizing of the Second Liberty Loan campaign under plans of the local administration and those suggested by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York in behalf of the United States Government.

Frederick Yale Toy is a native of Philadelphia, Pa., born April 28, 1894, son of Thomas Browne and Carrie Aiken (Yale) Toy. The elder Mr. Toy was for a number of years the owner of a large wholesale clothing and men's apparel business in Richmond, Va. He retired from his wholesale business in 1914 on account of ill health, and gave his attention in a semi-active way to his real estate and brokerage interests. During the latter part of 1917 and until March 1919, he served overseas as a secretary for the Young Men's Christian Association in France, afterwards returning to Richmond, Va., where he is still residing. In the latter part of 1919, he assisted in organizing the trust department of the First National Bank of Richmond.

Frederick Yale Toy passed his boyhood at Germantown, one of the suburbs of Philadelphia, where he attended the local schools and the Germantown Academy. He left the latter institution in 1907, accompanying his parents to Richmond, Va., and there studied at the Richmond Academy, graduating in 1910 with honors. It was at this institution that he won a scholarship which entitled him to a full course at Richmond College. In the fall of 1910 he entered Richmond College where he pursued a scientific course, and graduated with the class of 1914 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. Mr. Toy then received an appointment to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., from Ex-Governor A. J. Montague, of Virginia, and here he remained a midshipman but one year and resigned on account of physical disability resulting from a serious injury. Later, when his health permitted, Mr. Toy secured a position as assistant estimator with the Richmond Structural Steel Company of Richmond, Va., remaining with this concern for a time. In October, 1915, he came to New York State and settled at Syracuse as representative for Julius Christensen & Company, investment bankers of that city. In June, 1917, he ac-



cepted a position as State representative with Chandler & Company with headquarters at Syracuse, resigning this position in December, 1917. Subsequently he became associated with the Guaranty Trust Company of New York as their correspondent with offices in Jamestown, a position which he still continues very ably and which identifies him with the financial interests of Chautauqua county. Mr. Toy has made a deep study on finance and investments, and is regarded as an authority on banking.

While he has given his undivided business attention to matters of financial interest, at leisure he has in a social way become well known in fraternal and club life. He is a member of the Phi Kappa Sigma College fraternity, the Rotary Club of Jamestown, the Guaranty Club of New York, Mt. Moriah Lodge, No. 145, Free and Accepted Masons, of Jamestown, and the local lodge, No. 263, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In religious belief, Mr. Toy is a Methodist, and politically, a Republican.

Frederick Yale Toy was united in marriage, Sept. 15, 1917, at Washington, D. C., with Lena Child Williams, a daughter of Robert Kenon and Lucy (Stith) Williams. Mr. Williams is the Southern manager of a large European cotton company of Scotland.

**FRANCIS A. IRVINE**, former city engineer of Jamestown, and now affiliated with the Jorgenson Plumbing and Electrical Company, is one of the well-known young business men of the city.

Born in Tidioute, Pa., Sept. 4, 1884, Francis A. Irvine is the son of Oscar and Christine (Anderson) Irvine, the former having been for many years a prosperous builder of oil tanks in Tidioute, where he has been living for many years. After acquiring a good fundamental education at the local grammar and high schools, young Irvine entered Allegheny College, taking the civil engineering course, graduating in 1908, his degree being Civil Engineer. Upon graduating, about a year was spent in concrete work at his home town, Tidioute, after which he was appointed to the position of draftsman in the Pennsylvania State Highway Department, Feb. 1, 1909, with headquarters at Warren. He held this position for a year and then accepted another position, later becoming assistant division engineer in the maintenance department of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad System. He remained in the employ of the railroad for several years, until June 1, 1915, when he went to Jamestown, entering the Jorgenson plumbing and heating establishment. A year later, June 20, 1916, Mr. Irvine received the appointment of temporary city engineer of Jamestown, and shortly after, Mayor Carlson of that city appointed him city engineer, a commission he held until October, 1919. While holding the office he advocated many improvements, such as opening new streets, paving and repaving old ones, improvements on parkways, and many other such suggestions.

In June, 1915, Francis A. Irvine was married to Madelyn, daughter of Nels and Mary (Lawson) Jorgenson, at Jamestown. They have one child, Phillip Marshall. Mr. and Mrs. Irvine attend Holy Trinity English Lutheran Church.

Mr. Irvine has held membership for the last few years in several of the Jamestown organizations, among

them being the Norden Club, Kiwanis Club, the Order of Eagles, and the Greek letter fraternity of his college days, Phi Delta Theta. While at Allegheny College, Mr. Irvine took an active part in all athletic sports, gaining quite a reputation in track meets. He was also very greatly interested in music, being a member of the College Glee Club.

**GEORGE LIAS LOCKWOOD**—Being the possessor of a well established business which stands well in the front ranks of Jamestown's commercial life, George L. Lockwood is prominent here and is known throughout the city as a leading merchant. He was born in Forestville, N. Y., Sept. 4, 1883, his father being Melzar A. Lockwood, and his mother, Mary F. (Oliver) Lockwood.

When George L. Lockwood was very young the family moved from Forestville to Jamestown, and the lad was entered as a pupil at the grammar school of that city, later attending the high school. During the holidays, Saturdays, and after school hours, young Lockwood worked in a dry goods store, and after leaving school became regularly employed by the Gokey Shoe Company, where he remained for the following two years. After that the young man went to Cleveland, Ohio, obtaining employment with wholesale shoe dealers, the Cady-Iverson Shoe Company, in their stock room. He only remained in Cleveland one year, returning to his home in Jamestown where his father, M. A. Lockwood, was engaged in the harness business, his shop being at No. 100 East Second street. Two years after he had entered upon this new field of labor, Mr. Lockwood, the elder, took his son into partnership, extending the business to embrace all kinds of leather goods. This was continued for some years, until 1907, when M. A. Lockwood retired from active business life and his son conducted the enterprise alone. The harness portion of it was abandoned, confining the stock exclusively to leather goods, umbrellas, novelties and other goods of that description. The firm had been known as M. A. Lockwood & Son, but after the retirement of the senior partner it was changed to George L. Lockwood, leather goods and novelties, and has so continued; the business was established in 1890, when the father moved to Jamestown. In January, 1913, the business was removed to No. 7 West Third street, where it is located at the present time. Mr. Lockwood is a genial man, popular among other men, and interested in public affairs. He is a member of the Board of Commerce and of the Jamestown Auto Club. He is also a Free Mason; with his family he attends the First Methodist Church.

In Jamestown, Sept. 4, 1906, George L. Lockwood married Lillian Gornall, daughter of William and Fanny O. (Wilson) Gornall, residents of Jamestown. Mr. Gornall was one of the founders of the Empire Worsted Mills of Jamestown.

Mr. and Mrs. Lockwood have four children: Thomas, Jean, George L., Jr., and Betty. Mr. Lockwood has a very interesting family, their advancement in life being his greatest ambition.

**PAUL WALTER FREDERICKSON**, prominent citizen and business man, is a native of America, and a descendant of that sturdy race, the Swedes, which rep-

resent one of the most progressive types of people in Chautauqua county. He is a man of education, sound citizenship and a representative in the business life of the community, and is one of the foremost young men in the town of Stockton, Chautauqua county, N. Y.

Paul W. Frederickson, son of Alfred and Matilda (Anderson) Frederickson, was born in Stockton, Dec. 14, 1893. He was educated here in the district schools and later the Brocton and Fredonia high schools. He took a teacher's course at the Fredonia Normal School, from which he was graduated in the class of 1915, and shortly afterwards became the principal of the Cassadaga High School, Cassadaga, N. Y. He remained here for one year, and in 1916 went to New York City, where he became the principal of the grammar department of the Chelsea School, which was a branch of the Young Men's Christian Association Educational Department, this school being located in the Association's building on West 23rd street. In August, 1917, shortly after the United States had entered the World War he enlisted and went to the Officers' Training Camp at Fort Niagara, N. Y., and there received an intensive military training. At Fort Niagara he was commissioned as second lieutenant in the Field Artillery Service. In December, 1917, he was assigned to Camp Travis, Tex., as an instructor, and remained in this assignment until January, 1918, when he was transferred to the Aviation Section of the Army. He had become very well equipped in the knowledge of his command, and was in charge of various squadrons at Kelly Field, Tex., and Van Couver Barracks, Washington. He was honorably discharged from service, Feb. 8, 1919, and shortly afterwards returned to his home at Stockton, where he joined his brothers, Delmar and Alvin L. Frederickson, in their manufacturing industry of basket making and other wood products, the firm being known as the Frederickson Brothers, of which he has since been secretary.

Mr. Frederickson is identified with the various town interests, being a justice of the peace and a member of the Town Board. Fraternally he is a member of the various Masonic bodies and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In politics he is a staunch Republican, and in religion a member of the Stockton Baptist Church.

**FREDERICK YOUNG**—For many years Mr. Young has been a resident of Celoron, Chautauqua county, N. Y., and in 1914 erected his present brick residence on Ninth street. During his years in the county he has steadily pursued his trade and is a well known contractor. He is a son of Martin Van Buren and Elizabeth (Dunn) Young, his father born in Medina, N. Y.

Frederick Young was born in Hartland, N. Y., Dec. 20, 1867. He was educated in the public schools. His father was a mason by trade, and when Frederick arrived at a suitable age he devoted his attention to learning a branch of the same trade, becoming an expert bricklayer. Since coming to Chautauqua county he has worked at his trade as a journeyman and a contractor. He has invested in Celoron property, and in 1903 erected the building for himself that stands next to his present residence. When he built his first house he adopted the "pay as you go" plan, and when it was completed everything was fully paid for. Mr. Young

has served as trustee for the village of Celoron for three years, he has also served as fireman in the city of Jamestown for about eight years. He is a Republican in politics, a member of the United Brethren church and of the Protected Home Circle.

Mr. Young married, in Jamestown, N. Y., April 21, 1895, Ella Pryde, born April 5, 1874, daughter of Daniel and Ellen (Day) Pryde, of Mercer county, Pa., her parents born in Scotland. Mr. and Mrs. Young were the parents of three children: 1. Floyd Franklin, born Feb. 2, 1896; entered the United States army, July 22, 1918, saw eight months' service overseas with the American Expeditionary Forces and was honorably discharged, May 14, 1919. 2. Maude Leona, born Sept. 6, 1898. 3. Arthur Elmer, born April 5, 1904.

**HENRY MARVIN LUND**, a young and enterprising business executive connected with the Linquest Electrical Company of New York, who has proved himself to have a comprehensive knowledge of electrical work, and also an honest desire to give good and efficient service, is a native of Chautauqua county, N. Y., born in the city of Jamestown, Feb. 6, 1887. If his parents, James and Charlotte Lund, were still alive, they would have been gratified to realize that their son has advanced so substantially and so rapidly.

Henry M. Lund was educated in local grammar and high schools, and when only fourteen years of age began to work, his first employment being with the American Aristotype Company, which was a branch of the Eastman Kodak Company. Two years later, he entered the service of the Bell Telephone Company, at Jamestown, and that may be said to have been his introduction to things electrical; he started as errand boy, but gradually became proficient in construction work, the installing of telephones and such like phases of electrical work, and he remained with the Bell Telephone Company for four years, giving much time, in his spare hours, to the study of the science of electrical manipulation, and thus he became very proficient in wiring operations. After leaving the employ of the Bell Telephone Company, he was with Hansen, the electrician, for a short while, leaving his service in order to take the position of electrician with the Chautauqua Electric Company, where he remained for three years. After this he was for one year with the Jamestown Electric Company, in like capacity. In 1911, he entered into partnership with the Linquest Brothers and Fred J. Sutton, the outcome of which is the present Linquest Electrical Company of Jamestown. The operations of this firm in Jamestown and throughout the county have developed a business of considerable magnitude and of satisfactory return. Mr. Lund is secretary of the corporation and he has the supervision of all store and fixture work undertaken by the company. Mr. Lund is an energetic man who takes interest in all manly sports, and in certain activities of the life of Jamestown. He has been particularly prominent in various Masonic bodies and the Shrine. He was past master of the Council in 1916, and is past patron of the Order of the Amaranth.

On Aug. 7, 1908, Mr. Lund was married in Jamestown, to Gertrude, daughter of Charles Wills, of Jamestown. Aggressive, active and thorough in his undertakings,





August H. Nelson



Mr. Lund is of the type that instills confidence in his co-workers; he has the ability of concentration, of being able to work both rapidly and skillfully, and to concentrate his attention upon a task until it has reached satisfactory completion. And with steadiness of purpose, and consistent enterprise, he will in all probability in the future come even more prominently into the affairs of his native city.

**FRED JOHN SUTTON**, treasurer of the Linquest Electrical Company, one of the leading firms of electrical contractors in Chautauqua county, has manifested commendable traits in his business advancement. He started as a farm boy, then became a grocery clerk, after which he was a machinist, and then, with the firm resolution to fit himself for commercial affairs, he left his trade and entered a commercial college.

Fred J. Sutton was born in Stockton, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Jan. 16, 1884, the son of William and Emma Sutton. The elder Suttons still live at the homestead in Cassadaga, Chautauqua county, where both are much respected and have very many friends. As a boy, Fred J. Sutton attended the public school of Stockton, after which he assisted his father in the operation of the home farm. When he had reached eighteen years, Fred J. took employment in a local grocery store, as a clerk, and remained so employed for several years. Eventually, he entered the machine shop of the American Locomotive Works, at Dunkirk, this county, and worked for three years as machinist. Then came the turning point in his business career; he decided to leave his work and trade and go to Jamestown, and there become a student at the Jamestown Business College, with a view to gaining proficiency in the commercial phase of business. He found it required much strength of will and steadfastness of purpose to continue in his resolution under the conditions he had to carry through in order to remain at school until he had graduated, so he worked after school hours. After graduation, he immediately obtained a position as bookkeeper with the Jamestown Shale Paving Company, in the employ of which firm he remained for six months, thereafter taking a like position with the Chautauqua Electric Company, remaining for one year. After this, for three years, he was with the Hansen Electric Company. In 1911, he joined the Linquest Brothers and Henry M. Lund, the four forming business partnership to constitute a firm of electrical contractors, which firm, as it now is, is the well known and successful Linquest Electrical Company, of Jamestown. Of that corporation, Mr. Sutton is treasurer, and has direction of the commercial phase of the business. All the partners are young, alert, and enterprising, each skilled in his department, and all bent upon making the company the best in its line in the county and contiguous territories. Mr. Sutton is interested in the activities of Jamestown. Among the business men of the city he is well placed and recognized as a capable young executive. He is one of the charter members of the Jamestown Rotary Club, belongs to the United Commercial Travelers' Association, and in fraternal affiliations is identified with the Eagles and the Masonic bodies.

Mr. Sutton was married in Jamestown, June 23, 1909, to Mildred, daughter of Charles J. Moffette, of James-

town. Mr. and Mrs. Sutton are the parents of one child, a daughter, Virginia, born June 27, 1913, and has recently commenced to go to school.

**AUGUST FREDERICK NELSON**—Jamestown has no citizen more enterprising than the one whose name heads this article. As a large real estate holder, as manager of the local G. R. Kinney Company's store, and as stockholder in this corporation, which is the largest shoe retailing organization in the world, he has become quite prominent in the mercantile life of the community. In a public capacity, Mr. Nelson stands among the front rank citizens for his public spirit in municipal affairs, having been a member of the local Board of Health for many years and its secretary. He has recently been appointed secretary of the Milk Service Commission of this city, this body being the first municipal Milk Service Commission appointed in the United States, functioning for the purpose of distributing milk and milk products by direct municipal ownership and control.

August Frederick Nelson was born Jan. 1, 1876, in Sweden, the only child of Gustaf A. and Margarete (Johnson) Nelson. At the age of three and a half years he was brought to the United States by his parents who settled first in Antrim, Pa., removing thence to LaSalle, Ill., and eventually making their permanent home in Buffalo, N. Y. August Frederick Nelson attended the grammar schools of that city. After leaving school he worked for various people, and during leisure hours he acquired an education by self-study. In 1904 he came to Jamestown and leased a store in the Fenton building, at the corner of Second and Main streets, in which he established himself in business. In 1907 he opened a retail shoe store, which included a repairing department equipped with modern machinery and giving employment to several men. The venture proved successful and he became the head of a large and constantly growing business. In October, 1919, he disposed of this business and interested himself in the G. R. Kinney Shoe Company, assuming management of this local store. While building up his trade in the shoe business he became interested in real estate, and is now the owner of many business blocks, tenements and dwellings, having purchased and developed various properties from an investment standpoint. He has built many fine blocks and remodelled others. Opposite the Jamestown High School he has built a brick block with stores, having all modern improvements; on Winsor and Second streets he has erected five stores, and on East Seventh street he built several houses, and improved others elsewhere.

In the sphere of politics, Mr. Nelson is very active on the side of the Republicans, rendering valuable service as a speaker. For many years he has been a member of the Board of Health and for about nine years has served as its secretary. The careful study he has made of preventative medicine peculiarly fits him for service in the health department. He has been a member of the Board of Commerce. His only club is the Norden Club of Jamestown. He affiliates with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, having passed the chairs and during 1918 held the rank of noble grand, and is a member of the Encampment.

Mr. Nelson married, at Niagara Falls, April 27, 1899

Mary, daughter of Joseph X. and Emma A. (Waldman) Boehler, of Hamburg, Canada. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson are the parents of the following children: 1. Augustus C., born March 17, 1898, educated in the public and high schools of Jamestown, and Albany Law School. 2. Norman F., born Oct. 24, 1902, educated in the public schools of Jamestown. 3. Elbert V., born Sept. 16, 1913, now attending the graded schools of this city.

Most emphatically Mr. Nelson is a self-made man; he has acquired by his own efforts a knowledge of subjects taught in high schools and colleges, and has read with appreciation the works of English and American scientists, as well as many other books of standard literature. In any community he would be a valuable man, and his fellow-citizens of Jamestown have evinced, on many occasions and in various ways, their thorough appreciation of his sterling character and fine abilities.

**CARL A. ANDERSON**, business manager of the Jamestown store of the J. G. McCrory Company, owners of five and ten cent stores throughout the United States, has been a resident of Jamestown for fourteen years, and during that time has created a good impression, being considered, by those who know him, as a good man of business, as an efficient store manager, and as a man of marked community interest.

He was born in Sweden, May 17, 1879, the son of Magnus O. and Anna H. Anderson, who came to this country from Sweden, settled in Utah, where Mr. Anderson acquired a farm, which he operated until his death; his widow resides in Utah at the present time (1920).

Carl A. Anderson was educated in the public schools of his native place, and when nineteen years of age came to this country. He immediately went West, to Omaha, Neb., and appears to have early grasped the desirability of taking a commercial course of study. He attended the Omaha Commercial College, and in due course became a graduate, which was creditable, bearing in mind that he had so recently arrived in the country, and that the language would have been a serious handicap to him in his study. While at school he also worked, finding employment in a packing house in Omaha. After graduating from the commercial college, he was a checker in the packing house for a year, and then went into the employ of the McCrory Company, as assistant manager of their Omaha store. He held that position for nine months, and then received appointment as manager of their store at Anderson, Ind. After a service of eleven months at that place, he was called to Jamestown, N. Y., to assume direction of the store interests in that city. The McCrory store, which was opened in 1889, in the new Warner block, Brooklyn Square, was managed for a few months after establishment by Mr. J. G. McCrory himself, and the center was considered an important one for the company, and demanded the services of a proved manager. Hence, in 1905, Mr. Anderson was called to it and has since remained. In August, 1906, it was removed to its present location, Nos. 207-209 Main street, Jamestown, and for a time the two stores were maintained in operation, Mr. Anderson having the direction of both. Eventually, however, the Jamestown

business of the company was concentrated in the new store, and the original store was closed.

It is almost needless to say that as a store manager Mr. Anderson is a success; that might be inferred from the fact that he has been in the employ of, and in managerial capacity with such a corporation as the J. G. McCrory Company for so long. Men who rise to the position of manager in stores of such a corporation necessarily do so by ability only. And continuance in office indicates that no mistake was made in the choice of manager. Such corporations have so many men to choose from, and do business upon adaptability and merit only, that appointment is practically a certificate of amply demonstrated efficiency.

Outside business hours, Mr. Anderson has given his time unselfishly to community affairs. He is an ardent member of the First Baptist Church, Jamestown, and interests himself actively in Sunday school work, being at present assistant superintendent. Fraternally, he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is a member of the Chautauqua Encampment.

On Oct. 1, 1908, Mr. Anderson was married to Carrie M. Howe, of Jamestown. They have five children: Lowell, Maxine, Burdett, Irene, and Kermit.

**GILBERT THOMAS BOUCK**—As a builder of small boats for lake use, Mr. Bouck is well known in Celoron, Chautauqua county, N. Y., where his yard is located. He is of Canadian birth, son of John F. and Elizabeth (Fader) Bouck, who at the time of the birth of their son were living at South Mountain, Province of Ontario, Canada.

Gilbert T. Bouck was born April 22, 1859, and obtained his education in the schools of his native place. He learned the ship carpenter's trade, at which he has worked all his active life, and in Celoron established a yard where he builds small boats and transacts a general business in that line. Mr. Bouck is a man well liked and esteemed, a member of the Masonic order, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Protected Home Circle, and the First Baptist Church. In politics he is a Republican.

Mr. Bouck married, Dec. 14, 1880, in St. Lawrence county, N. Y., Arzetta Smith, born Dec. 12, 1863, daughter of Harrison and Laura Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Bouck are the parents of two children: Mabel, born Sept. 28, 1882; and Alvin, born Feb. 28, 1884.

**REUBEN R. WILLIAMS**, for more than fifty years a resident in Conewango Valley, Chautauqua county, N. Y., and for long well known throughout the county as a prosperous farmer and stock raiser, and as an extensive dealer in cattle, was born in Leon, Cattaraugus county, N. Y., March 11, 1867, the son of Norman D. Williams, formerly of Otto, N. Y., and Rebecca L. (Ross) Williams, who was a native of Leon. His father possessed a farm in Leon, and there Reuben R. was born.

After passing through the grades of the district school nearest to his home, Reuben R. Williams entered the Ellington High School, and eventually graduated therefrom, after which he entered seriously into farming pursuits. He resolved to become a skilled farmer, and





*Scott Baker*



throughout his life has followed the developments in scientific farming with keen interest and comprehensive understanding, and has been particularly interested in modern methods of stock raising and dairy farming. As a judge of cattle, and an extensive dealer in them, as well as an extensive raiser, he has gained an enviable reputation, as well as substantial success, and probably the subject in which he is most keenly interested, and upon which he can talk with the authority of an expert, is the raising and care of cattle. He is a member of the local Grange. Politically, he is a Republican, but throughout his life has manifested much more interest in agriculture and stock raising than in national political issues. And he has never sought political office. He has felt, with one exception, that the proper management of his farm was of greater consequence to him than even the most far-reaching political issue could ever be. The one exception was the World War, just ended so successfully, and even in that issue he felt that attention to production on his own farm was vital both to him and, in its degree, to the cause. He gave his son to the cause, as an American soldier, and he fought at home to win for the country and its allies his portion of that increased production of food stuffs the government stated that it relied upon the farmers of this country to furnish for the sustenance and continuance in the fight of its allies. And in the various financial campaigns to raise necessary national funds during the war, Mr. Williams took his due share, and when his son also returned safely from the inferno of the battlefields of France, it was with gratification and sincere thankfulness that he looked back upon the contribution of his own family to the success gained by the forces of Right, against the breakers of international law and honor, who threatened to bring the entire world into its heartless dominion.

Reuben R. Williams was married at Conewango, N. Y., March 16, 1893, to Amy Mason, born May 2, 1873, daughter of George J. and Josephine (Cowen) Mason. They are the parents of eight children: George M., born Jan. 22, 1894; Helena J. born Aug. 18, 1895; Jesse P., born Aug. 9, 1897; Florence R., born Aug. 15, 1899; Cora M., born June 13, 1903; Laura M., born Feb. 7, 1909; Vincent G., born Feb. 8, 1914; Margaret P., born April 21, 1919.

Jesse P. Williams did not wait to be drafted; when war was declared, or rather when President Wilson declared this country to be in a state of war, he resolved to enlist as soon as ever he could close his business and private affairs, and on July 26, 1917, he became a member of Company H, 40th Infantry, at Syracuse. Eventually, he was sent to Camp Merritt, N. J., and sailed for France, July 23, 1918, just after the commencement of the historic counter-drive which kept the Germans on the run, and eventually accomplished their defeat. Young Williams was in France for six months, returning to America in February, 1919, and being honorably discharged, Feb. 15, 1919.

**SCOTT BAKER**, well regarded citizen of Jamestown, N. Y., one of its representative men, and treasurer of an important manufacturing industry of that place, comes into Jamestown history in another notable connection, for he is of the family of one of its pio-

neers. Baker street, Jamestown, received that name as a tribute to his grandfather, Colonel Henry Baker, who was one of the first settlers and acquired extensive real estate holdings in the locality, and even to this day a copy of his deed is attached to transfers of real estate once belonging to the Baker family. Baker Park, the first park in the city of Jamestown, was a gift of Colonel Baker.

Scott Baker was born in Jamestown, Aug. 18, 1876, the son of Charles S. and Katherine (Heffernan) Baker. He attended the Jamestown public schools, and afterwards passed through the High School, graduating therefrom in 1895. To properly fit himself for a business career he pursued the full course of study at the Jamestown Business College. His first employment was in the local freight office of the Erie Railroad Company, where he was well-grounded in clerical work. Later, he entered the employ of the Atlas Furniture Company, of Jamestown, and still later was connected with the Bailey Table Company, in each case in executive capacity. He evidently was a reliable executive, for in the spring of 1904 he was offered the secretaryship of the Star Furniture Company of Jamestown. Since that year he has been connected with that important manufacturing company, latterly as treasurer, and has taken due part in its development. Mr. Baker's well ordered life, both in business and private affairs, has brought him a host of sincere friends in Jamestown, and his success is all the more gratifying to the historian to note because of the early association of the Baker family with the city of Jamestown.

He is a member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, a director of the local Young Men's Christian Association, a member of the Norden Club, the Kiwanis Club, Saturday Night Club, Moon Brook Country Club, and Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 145, Free and Accepted Masons. Although he does not very actively interest himself in political affairs, he took prominent part in furthering the cause of the Progressive party during the years of its existence. Primarily, he attends to the affairs of his business and to the maintenance of his home circle in comfort and wholesome Christian spirit.

Mr. Baker married (first) in 1895, at Jamestown, Blanche Fisher, who died Jan. 17, 1914. On March 17, 1915, he married (second) Bernice A. Lawson, of Sugar Grove, Pa. He has four children, all born to his first wife. They are: Ruth E., Margaret J., S. Sheldon, Scott F.

**ALTON E. HAZELTINE**, who was a city contractor in Jamestown, Chautauqua county, N. Y., and also is a prosperous farmer in the county, is a native of Chautauqua county, born in Jamestown, the son of one of the honored veterans of the Civil War.

Alton E. Hazeltine was born May 4, 1867, a son of Daniel C. and Margaret Jane (Robbins) Hazeltine. His father was a blacksmith by trade, but during the Civil War had a notable record as a member of the famous Ninth New York Cavalry. Alton E. Hazeltine received a good education in Jamestown schools, passing from the graded school to the high school of the city. He satisfactorily graduated from that school, and then entered business. For many years he was a contractor in Jamestown, in partnership with another well known

Jamestown man of business, and acquired substantial means. But his inclination has led him into farming pursuits, and as a man of keen business intuition and alert intelligence, he has seen the advantage of and has adopted many modern methods of scientific farming, to his material advantage, while many a farmer of the old school has continued on in the old way while pondering over the problem. And he has found much delight in farming, as well as profit, and has many friends among the leading agriculturists of the county.

Politically, Mr. Hazeltine is a Republican; fraternally, he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is well known in Jamestown, and is also very popular, and had he wished for public office he probably might easily have secured election. He has never, however, shown any indication that he would favorably consider the question of standing for office; in fact, he has more than once made it clear that political office has no attraction for him, and would not in the slightest influence his decision upon any vital question. He, however, is an earnest Christian, and has been a member of the Congregational church for many years.

On July 11, 1894, Mr. Hazeltine married Jennie W. Wills, born Oct. 6, 1867, daughter of Christopher Wills. They have one child, Robert L. Hazeltine, born Dec. 3, 1903.

During the progress of the recent World War, Mr. Hazeltine took keen part in many of the home activities connected therewith. He subscribed to the various funds promoted to further some phase of the nation's activities, and upon his farm he did his share in furthering the effort of the American farmers, as a class, to farm more closely, so as to bring an increased yield of foodstuffs, which increase the nations of Europe stood so desperately in need of. So much has been written about the glorious achievements of the young Americans who went into the actual field of battle, that one is apt to overlook the less spectacular, but in reality very consequential part played in the final victory by the American farmer and others who worked in the national cause at home. In its comprehensive aspect, the part taken by the American farmer has been recorded; in the individual aspect, the part of the individual American farmer might well be recorded whenever opportunity occurs. In all his business activities, Mr. Hazeltine has ever held to the truest surety of success—honesty. He has endeavored always to do to others as he would expect to be done by, and thus he has gained general respect as well as material success.

**EMMETT PARD BARMORE**, prosperous and respected farmer of Gerry, Chautauqua county, N. Y., is representative of the enterprising younger generation of successful agriculturists of the county. He has a good property, farms it energetically, but intelligently, and is ever ready to introduce modern methods which have been demonstrated to be an improvement upon the methods of former days. And he takes an active interest also in public and community affairs, and particularly in school and church work. He is a trustee of the local school board.

He is a native of Chautauqua county, N. Y., the Barmore family having had residence within its borders

for at least four generations, including that of his children. And he is enthusiastic in all matters that have reference to the county and its advancement; and certainly, in his productive farming, he is well carrying through the part of one resident to maintain the county in substantial prosperity. His birth date was March 3, 1881, and place of birth, Gerry, where his parents, Frederick V. and Rachel O. (Shepardson) Barmore, had lived all their married life and where his father had been born. He received the customary public school education of the time, and after leaving school took to farming occupations upon his father's farm. He has remained at farming ever since, and always in or near the place of his birth. Mr. Barmore is a Prohibitionist, although a Republican in politics, but is not a blind follower of any party. And upon certain questions of national politics he has, in the past, been outspoken in his opinions. During the recent World War, Mr. Barmore followed the progress of national affairs with intense interest; he was a substantial contributor to the various funds which were raised, in the form of loans or subscriptions, to meet the purposes of the nation in the prosecution of the war. Mr. Barmore has probably a generation of productive effort in agriculture still before him, but up to now he has done commendably, and has proved himself to be a good patriot, a good citizen, and a good neighbor.

Mr. Barmore married, at Gerry, June 5, 1906, Mildred Ostrander, who was born in Gerry, April 7, 1888, and also comes from a family long resident in the county, her parents, Orville and Lana (Fargo) Ostrander, having also been born in the county. To Mr. and Mrs. Barmore have been born three children: Merritt, born May 24, 1908; Harriet Oneita, born May 22, 1910; Elwood O., born March 25, 1915.

**KLOID STANLEY RICE**, a prominent and prosperous farmer of Ellington, where he has been engaged in agricultural pursuits for a number of years, is a native of this place, his birth having occurred Jan. 9, 1891. Mr. Rice is a son of Charles H. and Myrtle C. (Carpenter) Rice, respected residents of Ellington, where the former is also a farmer.

Mr. Rice attended the Ellington public schools and was graduated from the high school here with the class of 1909. His childhood was spent on his father's farm where he became familiar with farm work, and he later purchased farm property of his own in the vicinity of the former place. Since that time he has devoted his attention to dairying and apple growing and disposal of this, his produce, in the surrounding local markets. He has already built up a large and substantial business and is known as one of the substantial citizens of the place. Mr. Rice, in addition to his farm activities, has taken a considerable interest in the business operations of the community, and is associated with the Conewango Valley National Bank of Conewango Valley. Mr. Rice has also been prominent in public affairs and was elected in the year 1917 to the office of justice of the peace, which he continues to hold at the present time. Mr. Rice is a member of the local Grange of Ellington and has been active in promoting the general agricultural interests of the region. In his religious belief, he is

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a Congregationalist and attends the First Congregational church in Ellington.

Kloid Stanley Rice was united in marriage, Aug. 24, 1918, with E. Frankie Johnson, a native of Sheridan, N. Y., where her birth occurred July 19, 1892, a daughter of William E. and Cora E. (Aldrich) Johnson, Mr. Johnson a native of Sheridan, Chautauqua county, N. Y., and Mrs. Johnson a native of Hamburg, Erie county, N. Y.

**FRANK MATHEWS EVANS, D. D. S.**—In view of the fact that he is now postmaster of Fredonia, and ex-president and ex-trustee of the village, the public might almost be expected to become unmindful of Dr. Evans' professional standing were it not that the skill which has brought relief to so many does not allow them to forget it. Dr. Evans is influential in Masonic affairs, and a figure of prominence in the social circles of his home town.

Frank Mathews Evans was born Oct. 29, 1876, on his father's farm near Boston, N. Y., a son of John and Mary (Hatch) Evans. Mr. Evans is now deceased, and his widow resides at Springville, N. Y. Frank Mathews Evans attended local district schools, passing thence to Springville, N. Y., High School, from which he was graduated in 1900. It was Mr. Evans' intention to study for admission to the bar, but in 1900 he obtained a position at the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo, and while there was induced by the prediction of a clairvoyant to turn his attention to dentistry. Accordingly, he worked his way through the dental department of Buffalo University, being obliged to take four years for a three years' course, and in 1905 graduating with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. After working one year in a dentist's office, Dr. Evans came to Fredonia in August, 1906, where he has built up an extensive and lucrative practice.

As a staunch supporter of the principles of the Democratic party, Dr. Evans has been for many years a prominent political worker, and before coming to Fredonia was well known as a campaign orator, taking the stump as a supporter of William J. Bryan. After serving as president and trustee of the village, he was appointed in April, 1916, postmaster of Fredonia, and his administration has been, as his fellow-citizens can testify, fully satisfactory in every respect. He affiliates with the Masons of Fredonia, the Elks of Dunkirk, and is a member of the Citizens' Club of Fredonia. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of his home town.

Dr. Evans married, Dec. 6, 1905, Mabel, daughter of Randolph and Sarah McWilliams, of Pittsburgh, and they are the parents of the following children: Stanley, Mendal, Charles, and Arthur. All these are in school with the exception of the youngest who attends the kindergarten. Dr. and Mrs. Evans first met while the former was employed at the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo. Frank Mathews Evans is, most emphatically, a man who counts in his community and always on the side of progress, reform and enlightened government.

**EARL R. FRISBEE**, who has been in independent business as a blacksmith in Conewango Valley, Chautauqua county, N. Y., for so many years, and who is

one of the representative, responsible and industrious residents of that section of the county, was born in Poland, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Oct. 25, 1875, the son of George Frank and Eunita (Page) Williams. His father, who by trade was a carpenter, was well known in the district and erected many buildings in that section of the county. He was an industrious, unassuming, steadygoing man and had many sincere friends.

Earl R. Frisbee, who has taken the name of Myron Frisbee, who adopted him when he was two years old, and with whom he remained until his marriage, went to the Ellington public school in his boyhood, and he had not advanced far into his teens when he was in full work, from morning until night, taking any honest labor that offered. Eventually he became established as a blacksmith and farrier at Conewango Valley. As such, during the long period he has been at the forge and anvil, he has come into close contact with most of the agriculturists of the neighborhood, and he is generally held in high regard. And his business has steadily prospered. In political allegiance, he is a Republican, but he has shown, on more than one occasion, that he is a man of original thought, and that he will not follow any party platform blindly. And although he has taken some part in political activities, he has never accepted political office. He does not belong to any fraternal societies, secret orders, nor other organizations of that type, but throughout his life, since he reached adult age, he has been an earnest Congregationalist, conscientious in his observance of Christian duties and principles.

Mr. Frisbee married, March 9, 1898, at Cherry Creek, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Edna M. Hinds, born March 7, 1875, daughter of Thomas P. and Mary M. (Arnold) Hinds. They have two children: Eunice Bell, born May 13, 1903; Myron George, born July 21, 1908.

During the terrible war just ended, Mr. and Mrs. Frisbee took proper and enthusiastic part in the various movements promoted to further the cause, and they contributed substantially to the several patriotic funds.

**PETER E. LARSON**—There have been few elements in the general life of Jamestown, Chautauqua county, N. Y., so highly valued as that supplied by the large population of Swedish birth or extraction that have made that city their home, members of which have engaged in well nigh every form of activity in the region and become successful financiers, manufacturers, business men, merchants and farmers. Among these there is no name better known than that of Peter E. Larson, who conducts a successful business in the city.

Mr. Larson is a native of Sweden, born March 23, 1861, a son of Peter and Anna (Krestena) Larson, the former an agriculturist in his own land. He was a young man when he came from Sweden to the United States, and it was on July 13, 1883, that he first came to Jamestown to make his permanent home. He had already received a thorough training in agriculture as a lad on his father's farm, as well as an excellent education in the schools near his native town in Sweden. He is engaged in the sale of milk and cream, and is a much respected figure in the business life of the community. In his religious belief, Mr. Larson is a Sweden-

borgian and attends the church of that denomination at Jamestown.

Peter E. Larson was united in marriage, December, 7, 1887, with Sophia Grieph, a daughter of John and Anna S. (Erepon) Grieph, old and highly respected residents of Jamestown, and they are the parents of eight children, as follows: 1. Walter, born Sept. 22, 1888, was educated and grew to manhood in Jamestown; he was drafted into the United States Army, Sept. 30, 1917, and was sent to Syracuse, N. Y., for his preliminary training; from there he went to France and saw active service in the terrible closing campaigns of the World War, taking part in no fewer than five battles. 2. Plenney S., born March 15, 1891; he was also drafted, entering the army, July 20, 1918, and three days later, upon his acceptance by the board, was sent directly to Europe, where his training took place; he remained six months abroad and was honorably discharged from the service, Feb. 4, 1919. 3. Elmer E., born Nov. 24, 1892; he received his education in the Jamestown schools, and upon completing his studies secured a position in the post office in Washington, D. C.; his death occurred in Jamestown, March 8, 1916. 4. Anna S., born Nov. 24, 1894, died in early infancy. 5. Ruth E., born April 2, 1896. 6. Harry R., born Sept. 30, 1898; he enlisted in the United States navy, Jan. 8, 1918, and was assigned to the task of carrying our troops to France, crossing the Atlantic no less than eleven times. 7. Esther A., born Feb. 2, 1900. 8. May Dora, born May 9, 1901.

**JACOB H. JONES**—Many years ago, David Jones came from Wales, Great Britain, and found a home in Prince Edward county, province of Ontario, Canada. There his son, Thomas Jones, was born, and spent his life, and there Jacob H. Jones, son of Thomas Jones, and grandson of David Jones, the pioneer settler, was born. Thomas Jones married Rachel Yerex and both died in Belleville, Ontario, Canada. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and the father was a lifelong farmer.

Jacob H. Jones was born near Pictou, the capital of Prince Edward county, province of Ontario, Canada, Aug. 24, 1849, and there he passed the first fifteen years of his life. He had limited school opportunities and at a very early age became a farm worker. This condition roused dissatisfaction in his breast, and he resolved to leave home, which at the age of fifteen he did, having as a companion a boy but little older than himself, Levi Carr, neither having any amount of money. The boys made their way across the border and reached the United States safely, continuing across New York State until Jacob H. made his way into Chautauqua county, and found employment with Asel Burnham, a farmer of the town of Arkwright. He received \$20 monthly as wages, and he was in the employ of different farmers of that section. During the following winter he attended district school No. 8 in the town of Charlotte. In 1867 he entered the employ of Nelson Chase, whose son-in-law he later became. After some years he went West to the State of Iowa, bought a farm near the Minnesota boundary, and became a grain grower and a manufacturer of cheese, a trade he had learned in Chautauqua county. After three years in the West he sold his farm and business and returned East,

going to the oil fields at Bradford, Pa., there remaining one year. His next move was to return to Charlotte, Chautauqua county, N. Y., there purchasing a farm in the Chase neighborhood known as the Crampton Farm, containing 120 acres. Mr. Jones engaged in stock raising and dairy farming very successfully until 1893, then leaving the farm he came to Jamestown and opened up business in the Broadhead building, on what is now Roosevelt square, as a wholesale dealer in butter, eggs, and other produce. He continued that business very successfully for eight years, then sold out and later opened a wholesale fruit business in the Gifford block, which he conducted for two years. He then moved to a location at East Second and Winsor streets, taking in his son Earl C. as a partner, and operating as J. H. Jones & Son, and conducting a retail grocery for five years. Mr. Jones, Sr., then retired from the firm, and bought a tract of ten acres of fertile land which he has since cultivated as a market garden, supplying the local market.

A man of whole-souled generous impulse, Mr. Jones is greatly liked and esteemed in his community, and is a citizen beyond reproach. He is a Democrat in politics, but neither seeks nor desires public office. He is a member of Sylvanus Lodge, No. 303, Sinclairville, and his religious creed is the Golden Rule. Honorable and upright in all his dealings, he is a good exemplification of the value of that rule and of its practicability.

Jacob H. Jones married, in Charlotte, Chautauqua county, N. Y., in 1875, Celinda Chase, born in that town, daughter of Nelson Chase, and a sister of Albert N. Chase, of Charlotte. Mr. and Mrs. Jones are the parents of five children: 1. Jennie, married E. Jay Harris, superintendent of the Watson Manufacturing Company of Jamestown, and they have three children: Marion, Rachel, and Wilbur. 2. Earl C., now with the Watson Manufacturing Company, formerly his father's business partner; he married Mildred Flagg, and has two children, Flora and Roger. 3. Clara R., who resides in Vancouver, British Columbia. 4. Jessie, died young. 5. Frances Victoria, married J. A. Carlson, a farmer of the town of Ellicott, Chautauqua county, N. Y., and has a daughter, Virginia Mary Carlson. The Jones home is at No. 40 Flagg avenue, Jamestown.

**HERBERT DEYO TERWILLIGER**—Five years' residence in Fredonia has fully established Mr. Terwilliger in the position of one of her leading business men and most public-spirited citizens. As head of the well known firm of Terwilliger & Salzer, and as the present incumbent of the responsible office of city trustee, he requires no introduction in a work of this character.

Herbert Deyo Terwilliger was born March 17, 1883, on a farm in Broome county, N. Y., and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Adams) Terwilliger. Mrs. Terwilliger passed away in 1917, in Binghamton, N. Y., and Mr. Terwilliger is still living in that place. The education of their son was received in local district schools and at the Binghamton High School. Without waiting to graduate he entered, at an early age, into the serious work of life, finding employment in a candy factory, where he remained two years. He then became an orderly in the Binghamton City Hospital, his desire







being to study medicine and graduate as a member of the medical profession. Lack of funds frustrated his ambition, but he entered Bellevue Hospital, New York, graduating there, and also at the Mills Training School, in 1904, with the degree of R. N., having worked his way through these institutions. He passed in the same way through the Renard School of Embalming, graduating in 1909. Going then to Binghamton, N. Y., Mr. Terwilliger became an undertaker and furniture dealer, combining the two lines of business until the spring of 1914, when he moved to Fredonia, and formed a partnership with E. J. Salzer under the firm name of Terwilliger & Salzer. They conduct a large furniture store, at the same time carrying on a business as funeral directors.

In civic affairs Mr. Terwilliger has long taken a very active part, and in various forms of war work was an acknowledged leader. In politics he is a Republican, and is now serving his second term as trustee of the town of Fredonia. He affiliates with Eastern Light Lodge, No. 126, Free and Accepted Masons, of Greene, N. Y.; with the Chapter of Greene; and with the Consistory and Shrine, of Binghamton. He has attained to the thirty-second degree. He also affiliates with Chautauqua Lodge, No. 382, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Fredonia; Grape Vine Lodge, No. 81, Macabees, in which he is recorder; and belongs to Fredonia Grange and Citizens' Club. He occupies a seat on the Board of Commerce. His religious membership is in the Episcopal church of Fredonia, in which he holds the office of vestryman and treasurer.

Mr. Terwilliger married, March 10, 1903, in "The Little Church around the Corner," New York City, Josephine Alice, daughter of Gustavus and Pauline (Bowers) Russ, whom he met while serving in Bellevue Hospital. Mrs. Terwilliger is a graduate of that institution and also of the Renard School of Embalming, and is now her husband's very valuable assistant in his business. Most emphatically is Mr. Terwilliger a self-made man and, equally emphatically, is he a man with a record to be proud of.

**GUY W. MILSPAW**, who has been recognized as one of the most substantial and influential citizens of Cherry Creek, Chautauqua county, N. Y., for a number of years, is a native of the town of Ellington in the same county, a son of William and Martha (Magee) Milspaw, old and highly respected residents of the latter place. The elder Mr. Milspaw was also born at Ellington, in the year 1847, and there for many years conducted extensive farming operations and was highly successful. He married Martha Magee, a native of Ohio, born in 1845, and one of their children was Guy W. Milspaw, with whose career we are here concerned.

Guy W. Milspaw was born Oct. 22, 1875, and passed his childhood in his native town of Ellington, where he attended the local public schools and was finally graduated from the high school there. Since that time Mr. Milspaw has been engaged successfully in the milling and feed business at Cherry Creek, where he also makes his home. In politics he is a Republican, but although his talents and abilities amply fit him to hold public office he has never been ambitious for political preferment of any kind, choosing rather to exert his influence as a private citizen. He is a member of the local lodge

of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Grange.

Guy W. Milspaw was united in marriage on Christmas Day, 1901, at Falconer, N. Y., with Jennie A. Bedient, a native of that town, born May 8, 1872, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Bedient, of Falconer. To Mr. and Mrs. Milspaw six children have been born, as follows: Ray H., born June 19, 1903; Ina B., born 25, 1905; Irwin W., born Oct. 15, 1909; Harry M., born May 15, 1911; Hazel B., born Oct. 14, 1913; and Lynn G., born July 7, 1916.

**SANDERS M. THAYER**—No record of the successful men of Jamestown, Chautauqua county, N. Y., would be complete without mention of Sanders M. Thayer, who has for many years been engaged in the occupations of farming and contracting, and who has now reached a well assured place in the general esteem of the community. Mr. Thayer is a native of the town of Ellicott, N. Y., born Oct. 15, 1858, a son of Manley and Mary L. (Bowen) Thayer, the latter a native of Portland, N. Y. The elder Mr. Thayer was a farmer and builder, and founded the double business of agriculture and contracting that has been carried on so successfully by his son.

Sanders M. Thayer passed his childhood and early youth in his native region, and after completing his studies at the local schools, which he attended for a number of years, served a period of apprenticeship under the direction of his father. Eventually, upon the death of the elder man, he took over the prosperous business developed by the latter, and since that time has consistently carried on the same, in the conduct of which he has displayed unusual ability as an organizer and executive, and is now regarded as one of the most substantial citizens of Jamestown, which has always been the scene of his activities. As a farmer he has shown a progressive conservatism which has been productive of the most gratifying results, combining in the cultivation of his farm his own practical experience and that of his agricultural forbears with the more theoretical knowledge evolved by modern science. The same characteristics have marked him in his contracting enterprises, his shrewd grasp of practical affairs being, perhaps, an inheritance from his old Scottish ancestry, it being from that sturdy stock that the Thayers are sprung. He has always exhibited a public-spirited interest in the general welfare of the community, especially in connection with its agricultural development, and is one of the most intelligent and active members of the local Grange. Another characteristic derived from his Scottish forbears is his strong religious convictions and beliefs, and he is one of the staunchest members of the Methodist church of Jamestown.

Sanders M. Thayer was united in marriage, Oct. 15, 1888, at Jamestown with Jessie Denslow, a native of that city, born Aug. 30, 1861, a daughter of Willard T. and Laura Jane (Smiley) Denslow, who were born respectively in Batavia and Ellicott, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Thayer are the parents of two children, as follows: Ralph E., born June 27, 1889, married Isabel Morgan, by whom he has had three children: Ross, Ralph, and Ruth; and Robert L., born Oct. 17, 1896, married Alvida Swanson, by whom he has had two children: Robert, and William.

**ANDREW PAUL JONES**—At the age of sixty-eight Andrew Paul Jones was called away without warning, his death the result of an accident on the Erie Railroad at Celoron, Chautauqua county, N. Y. His widow, Anna Sophia (Morgan) Jones, yet survives him, her home also the home of her youngest son, Charles Russell Jones, a cabinetmaker and official of the village of Celoron. The excellencies of the boats built by Andrew Paul Jones brought him local fame, and he is yet spoken of as a builder of good boats and as a good citizen. In his own line of mechanical work the son, Charles R., emulates the example of his father, and in his modern home in Celoron are many articles testifying to his expertness as a worker in wood.

Andrew Paul Jones was born in Sweden, March 31, 1842, died in the village of Celoron, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Oct. 12, 1910. He became a skilled mechanic, and for several years after coming to the United States he was engaged with his brother as a carriage builder, continuing in that business in Jamestown from 1870 until 1892. He then opened a boat livery at Burtis Bay on the shore of Chautauqua Lake, which he conducted until his accidental death, eighteen years later. During the Civil War, Mr. Jones enlisted and served one year in the United States navy. He allied himself with the Republican party, the Grand Army of the Republic of Jamestown, and the Swedish Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Jones married, in Jamestown, in 1878, Anna Sophia Morgan, born Aug. 31, 1847, in Sweden, daughter of Charles and Mary (Larsen) Morgan. Mrs. Jones continues her residence in Celoron. She is the mother of two sons: 1. Clayton M., born Oct. 2, 1879, a member of the Chautauqua county bar, practicing in Jamestown, his law office in the Fenton building; he married Aimee Cedarquist, and has two children: Marietta and Clayton M., Jr. 2. Charles Russell, born Nov. 5, 1884, was educated in the public schools and graduated from the Jamestown High School and after finishing his studies learned the cabinetmaker's trade, which he still follows; he has taken a deep interest in Celoron village affairs, and has served as tax collector, village trustee, assessor, and for the past three years treasurer of the Celoron Hose Company; he built the home in Celoron, now occupied by his widowed mother and himself.

**ELMER C. GIFFORD**—The auto industry, that most flourishing and aggressive of modern enterprises, has no more energetic representative in Chautauqua county than the citizen of Jamestown whose name the biographer has just written. Mr. Gifford in influentially associated with the financial interests of his community and is well known in fraternal and social circles.

Elmer C. Gifford was born Jan. 11, 1874, in Busti, Chautauqua county, N. Y., and is a son of Charles D. and Clementine J. (Hitchcock) Gifford. The death of Mr. Gifford occurred in 1903, and in 1918 Mrs. Gifford passed away. The education of Elmer C. Gifford was received in local grammar and high schools and was supplemented by a course at the Jamestown Business College. Until the spring of 1916 he worked on the Gifford homestead. This farm was purchased from the Holland Land Company and is devoted to general dairy work and the breeding of cattle. The estate originally

consisted of 200 acres, but has been reduced by the sale of nine farms, leaving only about 40 acres for the use of the owners.

In 1916 Mr. Gifford engaged in the auto business as agent for the Interstate Company. In May of the same year he bought land and, in association with Albert G. Johnson, erected a building containing a showroom and service station. The venture proved successful and Mr. Gifford, in association with L. B. Parker, now controls the agency for the Buick, Chevrolet, and Haynes automobiles, and the Case tractor and Stewart trucks, for Jamestown and the surrounding territory. Mr. Gifford has been for sixteen years a director of the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank.

In politics Mr. Gifford is a Republican, but has never been active in public affairs. He is a member of the Auto Dealers' Association of Jamestown, belongs to the Grange, and affiliates with the Knights of Pythias. His only club is the Rotary.

Mr. Gifford married, Sept. 20, 1899, Pearl Terry daughter of Jay Terry, and they are the parents of three children: Louise, Charles, and Corydon. Mr. Gifford has one sister, Mrs. Marion G. Martin, of Jamestown.

Elmer C. Gifford has certainly proved a most valuable reinforcement to the auto interests of Chautauqua county. Undoubtedly he will do much to make the industry flourish in Western New York.

**EMMETT W. ALEXANDER**—Hugh Alexander grandfather of Emmett W. Alexander, of Lakewood, N. Y., came to Chautauqua county from the State of Vermont and settled in the town of Harmony. There he followed the occupation of farmer and there his son Daniel Alexander, was born, who settled on a farm at Blockville, in Harmony, and there spent the remainder of his days. He married Charlotte Scofield, also born in the town of Harmony, and they were the parents of Emmett W. Alexander, now of Lakewood, N. Y., merchant and an esteemed citizen.

Emmett W. Alexander was born at the home farm in Blockville, Harmony, N. Y., June 10, 1850. He received his education in the public schools of his home town. He began his business career as a farmer, but later became a contractor. He settled in the village of Lakewood, where he is engaged in business as a retail coal dealer. He is a Republican in politics, a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and for twenty-nine years, 1891-1920, has been a member of Lakewood Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Mr. Alexander married, Sept. 20, 1871, at Blockville, N. Y., Mary Jones, born at French Creek, Chautauqua county, N. Y., March 14, 1854, died at the family home on Chautauqua avenue, Lakewood, May 15, 1920. Mr. Alexander was the daughter of James H. and Laur (Sullivan) Jones, her mother born in Clymer, Chautauqua county, N. Y., daughter of a Clymer farmer and minister. Two sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Alexander: Roy C., born Oct. 2, 1878, married Effie Peterson, in Jamestown, and they are the parents of two children: Emmett W. and Dorothy J. Alexander Seward G., born July 9, 1880, married Mabel J. Whit resides in Warren, Pa., and they are the parents of son, Donald M. Alexander.



*C. L. Gifford.*









*C. E. Brown*

**ALVIN E. PETERSON**—Now that the Swedes of Jamestown are believed to number about 20,000, the question of priority of settlement becomes one of interest. The pioneer actual settlers were two young women, both born in Sweden, who first went to Sugar Grove, Pa., with other Swedes who settled there. The two young women, Johanna Charlotta Johnson and Lisa Lena Anderson, left Sugar Grove in the summer of 1849, found employment in the nearby village of Jamestown, and became its first actual Swedish residents. One of these young women, Lisa Lena Anderson, born in Sweden, July 30, 1833, married, June 28, 1851, Otto Peterson, a farmer and tanner, born in Sweden, March 3, 1831, came to the United States and settled in Jamestown in 1850, and there died Nov. 24, 1903. His widow, Mrs. Lisa Lena (Anderson) Peterson, yet survives her husband, and is now (1920), at the age of eighty-seven, residing in Jamestown at No. 296 Harrison street. Among the twelve children of Otto and Lisa Lena (Anderson) Peterson was a son, Alvin E., eleventh child and second son.

Alvin E. Peterson was born in Jamestown, N. Y., Feb. 26, 1873, and is now (1920) a resident of the village of Celoron, and one of the prosperous business men of that popular lake resort. He was educated in the Jamestown public schools, finishing in high school, and from an early age has been a wage earner and business man. He has long been associated with the development of Celoron as a summer resort, and until its destruction by fire owned and managed the large amusement pavilion. He is now proprietor of a confectionery and ice cream parlor in the park and does a good business. He is a member of the First Swedish Lutheran Church, and in politics is an independent. He built his present residence in Celoron and has other real estate investments in the village.

Mr. Peterson married, Sept. 23, 1908, Rev. Julius Lincoln, pastor of the First Lutheran Church of Jamestown, officiating, Jennie Maria Warner, born in Sweden, daughter of Ludvig and Maria (Ryd) Warner.

**EARL JESTIE FOSTER**, an enterprising young farmer who is succeeding well in the cultivation of his acreage in Ripley township, Chautauqua county, N. Y., has shown himself to be a worthy son of a worthy father, the latter, William Foster, having had responsible and consequential connection with agriculture in Chautauqua county for many decades.

Earl Jestie Foster was born in the town of Westfield, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Sept. 6, 1877, the son of William and Julia (Bunville) Foster. He was educated in district schools of Westfield and Brocton, Chautauqua county, and for a time in district schools of Erie county, N. Y. After completing his schooling, he resolutely applied himself to farming and has since continued to pass his entire time in agricultural pursuits with the exception of six years, three years working in the International Street Car Company, and three years in the Buffalo & Lake Erie Street Car Company, in Buffalo, N. Y. In 1915, he purchased a farm in Ripley township and he has since appreciably improved it. It is 63 acres in extent, quite enough in these days of highly paid and scarce help, and he has erected a new granary, silo, and milk house. He has about nine acres

of his land in vineyard, and has an additional acreage of other fruits, but his main farming is dairy, which means hard work, but consistently substantial returns.

Mr. Foster is a Republican in his political allegiance, and fraternally belongs to the Ripley branch of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is much interested in the functioning of the Ripley Grange, of which he is a member, and he is interested in all matters pertaining to farming. Upon his farm he is adopting many modern methods, and is an observant student of agricultural developments. Religiously, he is a Methodist, which denomination he substantially supports.

Mr. Foster married, Feb. 20, 1901, Mary Homewood, of a well known Ripley family. They have two children: Leigh, who now attends school; and Clara.

Mr. Foster is an aggressive, optimistic, and skillful farmer, and probably has another generation of consequential connection with Chautauqua county agriculture still before him, and he will probably advance in material possessions as rapidly as he has during the last four or five years, for he is of the type that, having put his shoulder to the wheel, will hold to the task as long as the task exists. And Mr. Foster's task will probably last until old age, for he indicates in his work that farming pursuits are to him his hobby and pleasure, as well as his means of subsistence. He is reputed to be a good neighbor, and since he has been on his present farm he and his wife have made many friends, and have taken part in community movements. During the war he manifested a worthy patriotism, subscribing to the various loans and other funds raised for the needs of the government during that period.

**CHARLES EDWARD BROWN** is among the successful representatives of the agricultural interests of Chautauqua county. The appearance of his name wins instantaneous and appreciative recognition as that of an enterprising citizen of Ripley. He has long been active in the political life of his community, filling with credit numerous local offices, and is now holding that of deputy sheriff.

Charles Edward Brown was born April 27, 1863, on a farm in South Otselic, N. Y., and is a son of Winsor and Lucy (Seldon) Brown. Charles Edward Brown attended the district schools of the neighborhood, and assisted in the labors of the farm, later finding employment in the cheese factory of which his father was the owner and which he conducted in conjunction with the management of his farm. In 1874 the family moved to Ripley, Chautauqua county, and there Charles Edward worked on the farm and attended school. At the age of twenty he engaged in the retail meat business, meeting with such success that he conducted his own establishment for thirteen years. At the end of that time he sold out, and with the capital which he had accumulated he purchased a farm, which he still cultivates. In addition to his work as an agriculturist, Mr. Brown has the ice business in Ripley village, where he has a very attractive home. During the busy season he employs as many as twenty hands. In politics Mr. Brown is a Republican, and has at different times been summoned by his fellow-citizens to fill many of the offices at their disposal. He has held that of deputy sheriff for thirteen years, his present term expiring in

1921. For twenty-five years he served on the School Board, being president of the board from 1917 until the present time (1920); and for thirty years has been constable, combining the office with that of probation officer. He affiliates with the Masonic fraternity, and attends the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Brown married, Nov. 12, 1884, Lizzie E., daughter of Joel and Almira (Staples) Colvin, and they are the parents of the following children: 1. Carl K. W., educated in the common schools and high school of Ripley and at Syracuse University, taking the degree of Bachelor of Arts; he is unmarried. 2. Bessie Marie, educated in the same manner as her brother, including the librarian's degree; married Clarence O. Johnson and became the mother of one child, Marjorie; Mrs Johnson died Dec. 11, 1918, and Marjorie now lives with her maternal grandparents. 3. Almira, educated as above, but did not take a degree; married Louis A. Pease, of North East, Pa., superintendent of the Buffalo and Erie Traction Company, and they have three children, Charles Louis, Ruth, and Edith. 4. Florence Lucy, educated in Ripley grammar and high schools and at the New Haven, (Conn.) Normal School of Gymnastics, now physical training teacher in the Buffalo, N. Y., schools. 5. Elizabeth Winifred, now attending Ripley High School.

In all worthy ambitions Mr. Brown has been successful, and his children, with the advantages he has given them and the example he has set them, cannot fail to be good citizens and blessings to their respective communities.

**DANIEL JAMES HARRINGTON**, who for the last five or six years has been one of the most substantial farmers in Chautauqua township, Chautauqua county, N. Y., farming an extensive acreage, cannot strictly be considered a native of the county, yet it is almost due to him, for he lived in it for thirty-two of the first thirty-three years of his life, and his father owned a farm in Chautauqua county for more than fifty years. The name Harrington can be found among the early records of Chautauqua township, Chautauqua county.

Daniel James Harrington had an interesting birth-place; he was born in an emigrant wagon, near Oregon Grove, now known as New Oregon, Iowa, July 28, 1855, the son of James and Sarah (Raynor) Harrington. His father had the sturdy spirit of the early pioneers, and had left his Chautauqua county, N. Y., farm under rental, and had gone into the unknown, but supposedly rich western part of the United States, seeking for a better farm holding, and with venturesome spirit had taken his wife with him. Within a year of the birth of Daniel James, the Harrington family returned to Chautauqua county, and the father did not again go westward. He took up the cultivation of his own farm in Chautauqua township, and farmed it until his death.

Daniel J. Harrington received the whole of his schooling in Chautauqua county district schools, and afterwards assisted his father in the operation of the parental farm. In 1888, however, Daniel James Harrington was again in Iowa, and there acquired a farm of 77 acres, which he farmed very successfully, and appreciably improved. He lived in Iowa until 1913, when he

was forced to return to Chautauqua county, N. Y., to care for his interests there. He therefore sold his Iowa farm, and took the management of the property bequeathed to him by his father, a farm of 170 acres in Chautauqua township, Chautauqua county, N. Y., later buying also the Crossgrove homestead farm, which adjoins the other, and is 125 acres in extent, so that he now cultivates and owns almost 300 acres of agricultural land, a big undertaking in these days of expensive and scarce help. The land is in good condition, and the improvements are mainly modern and quite adequate to the requirements of the acreage; they were built either by his father or by himself. Mr. Harrington has a fine herd of milch cows, all of which, with one exception, were raised by him, and are from registered stock.

Mr. Harrington has ample means to follow his inclination in respect to the farms he owns, and he evidently intends to have fine cattle, which probably in the end will give ample return for the outlay. He is indefatigable in his work, has taken practically no recreation, excepting in automobiling, for many years, and he probably will continue to get increasing yields from his two farms, for he is an efficient farmer. Regarding his one diversion from agricultural work, his possession of a fine automobile may be attributed to his desire to meet the wish of his younger daughter, Della, to whom he is devoted, and who has remained at home with her parents.

In political allegiance he is a Republican, but has not taken prominent part in national politics. His own agricultural ties are so many and consequential, that he does not feel that he can afford the time necessary to participate actively in local affairs. He is, however, of markedly generous spirit, and where it has been possible to help local interests or movements by financial contributions he has been ever ready to co-operate in that way. And during the war just ended he contributed very substantially to the various funds raised by the government, and governmental agencies.

He has always manifested worthy characteristics of steadiness and self-reliance, and he early entered upon the serious responsibilities of life; he was only twenty-one years old when he married Helen Smith, Dec. 24, 1876. They have two children: 1. Edna, born in Chautauqua county, N. Y., married James Oliver, an energetic and successful young farmer in Iowa. 2. Della, born in Iowa; she entered the teaching profession, but since the family returned to New York State she has remained at home.

Daniel James Harrington is continuing the long association of the Harrington family with Chautauqua county and is making that association more consequential. He is a man of fine characteristics, and the regard for him by the people of the district will increase as the years pass, and the people of the township become more acquainted with his commendable qualities; and his farming of 300 acres is one of the appreciable agricultural enterprises of the county.

**JACOB WILLIAM BELSON**—For nearly half a century Mr. Belson has been numbered among the prosperous farmers of Ripley, whither he came with a fund of experience gathered in other places. As a citizen he has always been quietly active and unobtrusively in-







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fluent for all that he deemed best calculated to serve the true interests of his community.

Jacob William Belson was born Nov. 14, 1850, in Great Yarmouth, England, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Pastel) Belson, who emigrated to the United States and settled in Norfolk county, N. Y. At this time Jacob William Belson was two years of age, and he attended the schools of Norfolk county until reaching his thirteenth year. As a youth he engaged in farming, sometimes in Michigan and sometimes in New York State. In 1870 he came to Ripley, where he purchased the farm on which he now lives. The estate comprises 115 acres and was wild land when Mr. Belson became possessed of it, all the improvements which it now boasts being his own work. He has fifty acres of grape vineyard which he set out himself and an orchard which he planted. He not only cleared the land, but built the house and constructed the barns and outbuildings. For some years he has had a residence in the village of Ripley, but pays almost daily visits to his farm, giving the closest attention to all his affairs. In political principle Mr. Belson is a Republican, always voting with that party. In community affairs he has ever taken a helpful interest and at various times has served as school collector. His family are members of the Protestant Episcopal church.

Mr. Belson married, Feb. 6, 1876, Ellen Hardgener, of Ripley, and the following children have been born to them: Ann Elizabeth, wife of Harry Walker, a real estate man of Providence, R. I.; John; and Charles, married Rose Belson (no relation).

During his long residence in Ripley, Mr. Belson has not only achieved material prosperity, but has won the cordial friendship of his neighbors and commanded the respect of the entire community.

**PETER CADY**, a native of Saratoga county, N. Y., where his birth occurred Dec. 1, 1829, was a son of Calvin and Polly Cady. He came to Jamestown, Chautauqua county, N. Y., when a young man, and was here engaged principally as a farmer and gardener. He was one of the ardent members of the local grange, Patrons of Husbandry, a staunch Democrat and an ardent admirer of Horace Greeley. Mr. Cady was a man of affairs and had many friends. He was one of the representative citizens of his city and did everything possible to advance the welfare of his community. He was a member of the lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

Mr. Cady married Helen Sherwin and they were the parents of two children, as follows: Willis C., of whom further; and Nellie C., born April 9, 1861, died April 21, 1863. Mr. and Mrs. Cady adopted a daughter, Mary L., born Oct. 17, 1857, who became the wife of Albert C. Brunson, to whom she has borne four children: Grace, Lulu, Florence, and Ruth.

Undoubtedly one of the most venerable and deeply beloved figures in the life of Jamestown is that of Mrs. Cady, who after a long and active career is now (1920) living in the home with her son, Willis C. Cady, at Jamestown. Mrs. Cady was born Feb. 25, 1838, in Jamestown, and as a girl had the usual educational advantages for the time, attending the local public school and the Old Jamestown Academy. She is a

member of the old Sherwin family of this region, a daughter of Milton and Flora (Griffith) Sherwin, highly esteemed residents of Jamestown, where the former named was engaged in business as a carpenter and pattern maker for many years. Mrs. Cady is a Methodist in religious belief, and she and the members of her family attend the Methodist church at Falconer, in which she still takes an active part, as well as in other organizations. She graduated from the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle at Chautauqua in the class of 1915.

Willis C. Cady, only son of Peter and Helen (Sherwin) Cady, was born in Jamestown, N. Y., Oct. 28, 1859. He was educated in the district and high schools of Jamestown. In early life he was engaged in the occupation of farming, and later followed the wood working trade. In 1895, after the death of his father, he acquired a small farm in the town of Ellicott, and since then has followed the occupation of gardening thereon. He is a member of the American Mechanics Association, and in politics is a Democrat, but acts independently in casting his vote.

Mr. Cady married, in Frewsburg, N. Y., Sept. 21, 1882, Nellie Fox, by whom he has one daughter, Bertha Nellie, born May 11, 1883, now the wife of Lee W. Swart, of Washington, D. C., and they are the parents of one child, Leslie Swart.

#### NELSON AUGUSTUS JOHNSON, D. O.—

Among the many prominent men of Swedish origin who have made Chautauqua county their home, no name stands higher than that of Dr. Nelson Augustus Johnson, who has been active in medical circles here for a number of years and who has built up a large practice in his profession and a reputation of the highest order during that time. Dr. Johnson was born in Sweden, March 3, 1866, a son of John Nelson and Clara (Nelson) Johnson, the former a farmer in Sweden, where his death occurred. The elder Mr. Johnson and his wife were the parents of the following children: Anna M., who resides in Sweden; Carl J., who came to this country and settled at Rutland, Vt.; Elizabeth, who resides with her mother at Rutland, Vt.; Alfred, who is employed as a foreman in the carpentry department of the New England Butt Company, a concern known all over the world, with headquarters at Providence, R. I.; Nelson Augustus, with whose career we are here especially concerned.

Dr. Johnson obtained his elementary education in the grammar schools in his native country, and when old enough engaged in farming there and also secured a position in a grist mill, where he remained for three years. After his father's death, when twenty years of age, he came to the United States, his mother coming later, and for a time worked in the iron mines in Essex and Clinton counties, N. Y. He was advanced to the position of foreman of a slope and held this post for five years. He then served an apprenticeship in a machine and tool-making establishment and followed this occupation for about fifteen years. The young man was, however, exceedingly ambitious and was determined upon a professional career, with which end in view he entered in 1904 the American School of Osteopathy, at Kirckville, N. Y. He was graduated with the



class of 1906 with the degree of D. O., and in the same year passed the examination of the State Board of Examiners. He then came to Fredonia and opened an office here in the month of July, 1906, began the practice of his profession and has remained actively engaged ever since. In 1909 he opened another office at Dunkirk, N. Y., extended his practice largely, and now enjoys a splendid reputation both for skill and for the high standards of professional ethics which he has maintained throughout the region. Dr. Johnson is a prominent figure in the general life of Fredonia, and is a member of many fraternal organizations in this place. He is affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Royal Arch Masons, Knights Templar, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Sovereign Princess of the Royal Secret, and has taken his thirty-second degree in Free Masonry. He is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Atlas Club of the American School of Osteopathy. In religious belief Dr. Johnson is a Methodist and attends the church of that denomination at Fredonia. He is active in church work and has held a number of offices in connection with the congregation, including those of steward and superintendent of the Sunday school, and financial secretary of the official board. He is a Republican in politics, and a strong advocate of prohibition.

Dr. Johnson was united in marriage at Plattsburg, Clinton county, N. Y., April 29, 1897, with Alice V. Hilton, of Dunkirk, a daughter of William and Mary (Frizzell) Hilton, old and highly respected residents of that place. They are the parents of one daughter, Florence Dorothy.

**EMMET HAMILTON ROSS**—Prominent among the young professional men of the city of Jamestown is Emmet Hamilton Ross. As an attorney of law, Mr. Ross stands well abreast in the Chautauqua county bar, and is a member of the well known law firm of Rice & Ross, with offices at Suite 200—Squier's Court, in Jamestown.

Emmet Hamilton Ross was born in Rochester, N. Y., Oct. 14, 1887, son of William and Louise J. (Nye) Ross. His parents for a number of years resided in Rochester, where they were well known and highly respected; later they moved to Jamestown. Emmet Hamilton Ross attended the public schools of Rochester until the family came to Jamestown, in 1901, and here he completed his grammar school education. He entered the Jamestown High School and graduated with honors in 1907 as president of the senior class. Besides being well identified as a student at high school, Mr. Ross was prominent in athletics. After leaving high school he matriculated in the law department of the Albany Law School, Albany, N. Y., and two years later, in 1909, was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Law. A year later, in 1910, he was admitted to the New York State bar and began the practice of law in the city of Jamestown, where he has since been identified.

Mr. Ross' first venture in the legal world was in partnership with the well known late James L. Weeks. This partnership continued for seven years, up to the time of the death of Mr. Weeks. In 1918, Mr. Ross joined Joseph F. Rice and this law firm has been known as Rice & Ross, and has acquired a large and well established practice in Jamestown and throughout the county.

Their former address was in the Chadakoin building, but on Dec. 1, 1920, they acquired ownership of Squier's Court adjacent to the previous address. Squier's Court contains many suitable offices and some commercial space, and in a section of it is located the well equipped law office of Rice & Ross.

Mr. Ross is prominent in a number of other things outside of his profession, being vice-president of the Sportsmen's Supply Company, Inc., of Jamestown, N. Y., formerly a member of Company E, 74th Infantry, which served on the Mexican Border in 1916, member of the Delta Chi, College fraternity, and the Fraternal Order of Eagles at Jamestown. In the matter of politics, Mr. Ross does not take an active part, but is a firm believer in the principles of the Republican party.

He married, in Jamestown, April 10, 1912, Anna Frances Britton, daughter of Edward R. and Ella (West) Britton.

**CHARLES WILLIAM HERRICK**—A native son of Jamestown, Mr. Herrick has attained position in the business world of his city as financier and manufacturer, being first vice-president of the Bank of Jamestown, and president of the C. W. Herrick Manufacturing Company of Falconer. He is a son of Anson L. and Elizabeth A. (Devoe) Herrick, his father a farmer.

Charles W. Herrick was born in Jamestown, N. Y., Nov. 19, 1867, and there has spent his years, fifty-three. He was educated in the public schools, and after graduation from high school completed his school term with a course at a Bryant & Stratton Business College. At the age of nineteen, he became an employee of the Chautauqua County National Bank, and for ten years, 1886-1896, was connected with that institution. In 1903, when the Bank of Jamestown was organized, Mr. Herrick was one of the incorporators, being elected vice-president, also chairman of the executive committee, offices he has held until the present, 1920. He holds intimate connection with the manufacturing interests of the city as president of the C. W. Herrick Manufacturing Company, a corporation engaged in manufacturing furniture, with their plant at Falconer. Whether considered as banker or manufacturer, Mr. Herrick measures up to all requirements and has always met every demand made upon his business sagacity. Mr. Herrick is affiliated with both rites of the Masonic order, being a member of Mt. Moriah Lodge, chapter, council, and Jamestown Commandery; he holds the thirty-second degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; and is a noble of Ismailia Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. His clubs are the Rotary, Jamestown, Sportsman's, and Moon Brook Golf. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Jamestown, and president of the board of trustees.

Mr. Herrick married, in Jamestown, N. Y., June 7, 1894, Gertrude E. Proudfit, daughter of William H. and Ellen E. (Hall) Proudfit, her father one of Jamestown's veteran business men, her mother of the eminent Hall family of Jamestown and Chautauqua county.

This brief review reveals Mr. Herrick as a man of energy and ability, interested in the social and religious activities of his city as well as in its material side. All good causes appeal to him and he is always ready to "lend a hand." To his interest and careful supervision the chapter on "Banks" in this work is due.





Oliver Herrick







*A. Fred Helgran*



**WILTON H. DeLANEY**, well known dry goods merchant of Jamestown, and considered an expert in this business, had many years of experience in merchandising before becoming the president of the well known concern, DeLaney & Throop, Inc., at Nos. 14-16 North Main street, Jamestown. Wilton H. DeLaney is a native of Stockton, Chautauqua county, N. Y., born March 20, 1858, son of Jonathan and Maryette (Howard) DeLaney. The elder Mr. DeLaney was a well known resident of Stockton, where he kept a general store, and was a justice of the peace before his removal to Cherry Creek in this county.

Wilton H. DeLaney attended the village schools of Stockton and later Cherry Creek, this being followed by a course at Randolph Institute, Randolph, N. Y. When he was but eighteen years of age he had a firm desire to start out and earn his own livelihood, and connected himself in a line of business which afterwards proved him to be one of the leaders of the mercantile life of Jamestown. His first attempt was at Panama, N. Y., where he clerked in a general store for one year, after which he was in the employ of DeForest Weld in the latter's stores, first at Bradford, Pa., and then at Jamestown, N. Y., where he remained until about 1884, when Mr. Weld went out of business. Following this he became connected with the well known merchant, A. D. Sharpe, in whose employ he remained for a period. The subsequent fourteen years were spent respectively with the old merchants, Scofield & Adams, later changed to Scofield & Dinsmore, whose interests were disposed to Jones & Audette, after the death of Mr. Dinsmore.

It was in the year 1904 that Mr. DeLaney, after working diligently in the pursuit of merchandising, particularly of dry goods, felt himself experienced enough to embark in this endeavor himself; he formed a partnership with the late Henry W. Throop, and with a small capital started a dry goods store at No. 16 North Main street. The small beginning prospered, and five years later they added two more floor spaces above the street floor, one being directly over the original address, No. 16 North Main street, and the other over an adjoining store at No. 14. A few years later, in 1917, they further expanded and took the adjoining floor space on the street at No. 14, thereby giving them spacious quarters in which to conduct their growing business. The building has been remodeled and improved, and now it has a double store with basements; first and second floors, at Nos. 14 and 16 North Main street, making it the second largest dry goods store in Chautauqua county. The title in 1917 became DeLaney & Throop, Inc., Mr. Throop being the president until his death, Aug. 2, 1920, and Mr. DeLaney secretary and treasurer. After Mr. Throop's death, Mr. DeLaney succeeded to the presidency, and R. M. Stewart, a long time employee, became secretary and treasurer.

As a business corporation, DeLaney & Throop have a most excellent reputation as conservative merchants of high standing. Their customers number among the well known families of Chautauqua county, and the mark of quality can truly be placed upon the goods handled by this concern. This firm now conducts a large, general dry goods business and is a shopping center for Jamestown and the surrounding country.

Mr. DeLaney married, in Jamestown, June 16, 1887,

Harriet, daughter of G. C. and Loretta (Butler) Smith. Mr. Smith was a well known resident of this city, a veteran of the Civil War, being commissioned a captain near the close of hostilities. Mr. and Mrs. DeLaney have one daughter, Florence L., now the wife of Henry L. Beakes, a chemist of Louisville, Ky.

Aside from his own business, Mr. DeLaney has been active in the general affairs of the city. He is one of the Exempt Firemen of Jamestown, member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and the various Masonic bodies. Politically he is a Republican, and has always taken an interest in the political situation as a voter, but has not sought office.

**A. FRED HELGRAN**, who for almost twenty years has been a responsible enterprising merchant and contractor of Jamestown, as one of the principals of Carlson & Helgran, and latterly as the head of A. Fred Helgran & Son, painters and decorators, and wholesale and retail dealers in wall paper and like commodities, has had well merited success. He is a native of Jamestown, has lived in it for almost fifty years, and has many times manifested his sincere interest in the development of the city.

He was born on March 10, 1871, the son of John and Hilda Helgran. The Helgran family is of Swedish origin, and has had honorable part, with other industrious residents of Swedish origin, in the development of Jamestown. His father, John Helgran, industriously worked in the city almost until his death, and gained many true friends. His mother, Hilda Helgran, is still living in Jamestown, esteemed and respected as a good Christian woman of charitable spirit.

A. Fred Helgran attended the public schools of Jamestown. When he finally put aside his academic studies, and definitely entered business life, he was fifteen years old. He engaged with the Jamestown Lounge Company, learning the upholstering business. With that company he remained for fourteen years, until 1900, when he ventured into independent business. He, in partnership with another Jamestown man, C. F. Carlson, established the firm of Carlson & Helgran, undertaking to trade as wholesale and retail merchants in paint, oils, wall paper, and allied commodities of interior decorating, and also to work as painting and decorating contractors. The partnership was maintained in successful operation until May 1, 1916, when Mr. Carlson died. Mr. Helgran soon thereafter purchased the interest of the relatives of his deceased partner in the business, and soon afterwards he took his son, A. Gordon, into business partnership, and caused the firm name to be changed to that of A. Fred Helgran & Son. As such it has since been continued.

Mr. Helgran is a business man of commendable application to and concentration upon his business, and the keynote of his success has been his consistent, persistent effort, and close attention to grade of workmanship. Politically, he is a member of the Republican party, and has taken some part in local political activities. For four years he was alderman of the fourth ward, and now is supervisor of the fourth and fifth wards. He is a director of the Norden Club, of Jamestown, and also of the Eagle Temple. Religiously, he belongs to the

Lutheran church, and attends the First Lutheran Church of Jamestown.

His wife, Mary Louise Helgran, whom he married in Jamestown, has borne to him three children, all of whom have given satisfaction to their parents by their lives. The children, in their order of birth, are: 1. Hazel, who is married, and lives in Jamestown. 2. Chester, who is an able executive, and is secretary and treasurer of the Chautauqua Cabinet Company, of Mayville. 3. A. Gordon, who is a member of the firm of A. Fred Helgran & Son, and also a veteran of the Great War; he was in France for nineteen months, a member of the First (Regular) Division, which probably was the most famous of all the American divisions.

**LOUIS JOSEPH LODICO, D. D. S.**, who in spite of his youth and the comparatively short time that he has been established here is already regarded as one of the leading members of the dental profession at Fredonia, Chautauqua county, N. Y., is a native of Buffalo, born Dec. 29, 1896. Dr. Lodico is a son of Frank and Mary (Siragusa) Lodico, who resided at Buffalo for a number of years, but afterwards removed to Fredonia, where they now make their home.

Louis J. Lodico was but three years of age when he was brought by his parents to Fredonia, and since that time has continued to reside there, taking an active part in its general life since he has reached maturity. As a lad he attended the public schools of Fredonia, and completed his studies at the high school of the Fredonia State Normal School. In the meanwhile, however, the youth had determined upon a professional career, and with this end in view, after his graduation from the Normal School in 1915, matriculated at the Dental Department of the University of Buffalo, where he pursued his professional studies until 1918, when he was graduated with the degree of D. D. S. In the same year he also passed the examinations of the New York State Examiners, and at once returned to Fredonia and opened a handsome office at No. 7 East Main street and engaged in active practice. It was not long before the community began to realize the ability and skill of the young dental surgeon who had come amongst them, and his patrons rapidly and steadily grew in numbers, so that at the present time his clientele is a large one and still is increasing uninterruptedly.

Dr. Lodico is prominent among his professional colleagues, by whom he is respected and honored for his technical knowledge of his subject and his native skill, as well as for the close observance which he consistently gives to the etiquette of the profession and his high code of ethics. His career seems assured for the future, and such success as he has already won or may win in time to come is entirely deserved and the result of his own indefatigable efforts and earnest devotion to the work he has taken up. There is no advance in dental science with which he does not keep abreast, and his constant endeavor is to keep himself familiar with its most modern theory and practice. During the interval between his graduation from the University and the close of the late war, Dr. Lodico offered his services to his country in that gigantic struggle. These were accepted, and after his recommendation for the army he was undergoing a course in the training school and was

in direct line for a commission when the armistice was signed. In his religious belief Dr. Lodico is a Roman Catholic and attends the Italian Church of St. Anthony at Fredonia, while in politics he is an Independent. He is also a member of St. Anthony Club. Dr. Lodico is unmarried.

**LEONARD J. FIELD** has for years been one of the leading furniture merchants of Jamestown, N. Y., executive of the Field and Wright Company, successors to the Aldrich Furniture Company, and once prominent in the city administration. He was born in Gerry, N. Y., Dec. 19, 1867, son of Myron and Lucy B. (Thompson) Field, both of whom are now deceased. His father, Myron Field, who had an agricultural estate at Cherry Creek, and followed farming industriously, was a man of steady purpose, strong character, and fixed convictions. He was one of the pioneer Prohibitionists of his section of the State, and courageously expressed his opinions long before the subject was received with the present favor accorded to it; in fact, at a time when only a man of courageous spirit, and the most unbending Christian principle, would raise his voice in a public place in its favor. His mother, Lucy B. (Thompson) Field, was a woman of superior education, and prior to her marriage was a school teacher.

Leonard J. Field attended local schools, and acquired a good education. After attending the Cherry Creek High School, he took a course at the Fredonia Normal School. He had reached the age of twenty-one years before he closed his years of schooling and entered upon a business career. His first employment was in the capacity of bookkeeper for the furniture firm of H. M. Gage, on Third street, Jamestown, and as such he remained for six years, when he was appointed manager of the Aldrich Furniture Company, Main street, that company also being owned by Mr. Gage. He was manager of that branch for eight years until the death of Mr. Gage, soon after which occurrence he took even greater responsibility. He took part in the organization of a company, which, when incorporated, took over the business interests of a large part of Mr. Gage's estate, and thereafter conducted it under the corporate name of the Field and Wright Company. The incorporators were: Leonard J. Field; Mary M. Field, his sister; Judson S. Wright, and John J. Benstrom, both substantial Jamestown business men. The present officials of the corporation are: H. T. Wilson, president; L. W. Brainard, vice-president; Leonard J. Field, treasurer and general manager; and M. M. Field, secretary. The business is a substantial one, handling furniture and rugs of all grades, crockery and allied commodities, and having extensive salesrooms. By those who know, it would hardly be considered an extravagant statement to state that the success of the Field and Wright Company has been due in great measure to the business ability and enterprise of Mr. Field.

Mr. Field is a man much interested in the prosperity of the city, and coöperates in all ways within his power and means to aid in its development, but in later years has not taken an active part in public affairs because of impaired health. Mr. Field is interested in the cause of Prohibition, and manifests in this and in many other ways much of the estimable character of his father.







JOSEPH C. WELLARD





WELLARD HOMESTEAD



And although in general political campaigns he has not taken conspicuous part, he has been outspoken in his efforts to further the cause of Prohibition, which met with such signal national success in the year 1919. During the years 1908 and 1909, Mr. Field was a member of the Jamestown Board of Aldermen, representing the first ward.

His rise to important place in business life, and to a post of honor in the affairs of the community, is commendable and noteworthy, seeing that it came wholly as a result of a resolute purpose, consistently maintained. Mr. Field is a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Jamestown, and substantial in his support thereof. He is also a member of the Jamestown Board of Commerce.

On Oct. 17, 1895, at Utica, N. Y., Leonard J. Field was married to Florence L. Hebron, daughter of Harvey Hebron, of that place. They have three children: 1. Helene Mara, who married D. Niel Fleek, of Jamestown. 2. Jeanette Francis, who has finished her academic schooling, and having marked musical ability is now studying the piano and pipe organ at Allentown, Pa. 3. Lois Minnie, who is still a student at Jamestown schools.

**ERNEST CAWCROFT** was born at Lawrence, Mass., April 29, 1881. He is a son of Aquilla Cawcroft, who now resides at Cassadaga, Fla., and Elizabeth (Carden) Cawcroft, deceased.

Mr. Cawcroft attended the Jamestown public schools and the New York University. He toured North America, Central America and Europe for various magazines. He was admitted to the New York Bar in 1907, and formed a co-partnership with William L. Ransom, now of the firm of Whitman, Ottinger & Ransom, of New York. He has practiced law at Jamestown, N. Y., since he was admitted to the bar.

Mr. Cawcroft has acted as special counsel for the city of Jamestown in connection with various charter and ordinance provisions. He was nominated for State treasurer of the Progressive party of New York in 1912; in 1916 was elected Republican presidential elector on the Hughes ticket; and in 1915 was appointed deputy treasurer of New York State. Mayor Samuel A. Carlson named him as corporation counsel of the city of Jamestown in 1918, and he has been the legal advisor of the city of Jamestown since that time. During the fall of 1918 he was special counsel to the United States Shipping Board in connection with the legal organization of the various shipping towns created on the coast by that board. In addition to his professional activities, Mr. Cawcroft has been connected with many business and civic enterprises. He initiated the building of the Eagle Temple, which is the civic center of Jamestown, and is now the chairman of the board of directors of that institution. He is a member of the board of trustees and on the executive board of the Chautauqua Institution. Mr. Cawcroft is a member of: The Jamestown Bar Association; the New York State Bar Association; the American Bar Association; the Young Men's Christian Association; Jamestown Club; American Academy of Political Science; a thirty-second degree Mason; a director of the Jamestown Board of Commerce; and is interested in many other fraternal, social and civic welfare bodies.

**JOSEPH CHARLES WELLARD**, respected and prosperous farmer of Ripley township, where he has lived for seventy-two years, is one of the worthy and representative agriculturists of Chautauqua county. Although blind for the last thirty years, he has continued cheerfully pursuing a useful life of industry and productiveness, has undertaken many public duties, and has lived honored and respected among his neighbors.

He comes of one of the pioneer families of Chautauqua county, and was born on a farm in the town of Mina, this county, Sept. 5, 1848, the son of Joseph and Polina (Geer) Wellard. Seven weeks after his birth, his parents removed to the farm upon which he has ever since lived, that is, for more than seventy-two years. His mother died when he was quite young, and a worthy uncle came to superintend the operation of the farm, and to care for and rear the children, including Joseph C. The children were all educated in the Ripley township district schools, after passing through which, Joseph C. took resolutely to farming, manfully helping his uncle. Joseph C. Wellard was thirty-seven years old when, in 1885, his uncle died, and during the twenty or more years in which he had steadily farmed since the close of his school days he had accumulated some material wealth, sufficient to enable him, after the death of his uncle, to acquire the farm upon which he had been reared and had worked for so long. Since that time the property has remained his, and he has materially helped in its cultivation for the greater part of the time, notwithstanding that four years after he purchased the farm he had the crowning misfortune to lose his sight altogether. He is fortunate in having a worthy son who with filial faithfulness stayed near his father, and of late years has taken the entire burden of the farm management from his father's shoulders. Mr. Wellard's eyes were weak even in his early days, but to have completely lost sight when still in the prime of vigorous manhood must have been a very great misfortune, one very hard to bear. He bore the calamity cheerfully and determined that it should not end his usefulness nor undermine his general health. That was thirty years ago, and he is still in good health and still maintains the farm in successful cultivation, thanks, it must be admitted, to the loyalty and labor of his son, who is a skillful and energetic farmer.

Mr. Wellard has been a Republican in politics for the greater part of his life, and at times has shown much interest in national politics. During the World War he felt the loss of his sight more keenly than perhaps at any other time, for he longed to be able to read all the news that the papers printed of the momentous happenings of those days. He has always been interested particularly in local affairs, and has held some local offices including those of school trustee and collector, which offices he has held several times. Of course all matters pertaining to farming are of interest to him, that having been his life long occupation, and bearing in mind his physical handicap he is particularly well informed on most subjects. For many years he has been a member of the local grange, and in his younger days took active part in its functioning. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and a consistent supporter of the local church. Throughout



his life he has manifested worthy characteristics such as would emanate from the wholesome thoughts of a conscientious Christian, and as a neighbor he has been ever ready, where possible, to lend a helping hand and ever ready to receive his neighbors with open-hearted hospitality. He is a good conversationalist, and his company is appreciated.

Mr. Wellard was also blessed by another loyal loved one, as well as his son, during his many years of sightlessness; his dear wife was more than a companion to him, so that, as is so often the case, he has had blessings to compensate for misfortunes. To go back to the year of his marriage is a stretch of forty-six years, for it was on Sept. 10, 1873, that he married Mary Hubbard, of Sherman, Chautauqua county. Her death occurred March 20, 1903. Five children were born to them, but only three still live. The five children, in the order of birth, were: 1. Mary Jane, who was educated in the district school of Ripley township, married (first) Willis Urch; they had two children, Mildred, and Nelson; Mr. Urch died Jan. 5, 1919, and she married (second) Thomas Urch. 2. Flora, who died when only three months old. 3. Henry D., who was educated in the district school of the township, and afterwards stood manfully at his father's side, ready to assist him in all things; he lives on the farm, and of late years the entire management has devolved upon him; he married Rua Whitford, and they have two children, Blossom and Jesse. 4. Nellie Polina, who duly passed through the local school, married Clyde Wilson; died in 1901, leaving one child, Nellie, who married Edward Albrecht. 5. Nancy, educated in the local district school; became the wife of Ernest Scott, to whom she has borne four children: Virgil, Kenneth, Helen and Cecil.

The life of Joseph Charles Wellard has been one of upright, manly endeavor and commendable fortitude in misfortune. He accepted with good cheer the will of destiny, and by his many spheres of usefulness since has demonstrated that the will to accomplish is the greater part of the task to be accomplished. He has lived through practically three generations of Chautauqua county life, and for more than fifty years has been a producer. He is therefore worthy of note in the present historical record of worthy sons of Chautauqua county. And in any case, he would be so deserving by reason of the association of his family with the early pioneer efforts within the county.

**DR. ELMER AUGUSTUS JONES, M. D.**—One of the physicians of distinction in the city of Jamestown, Chautauqua county, N. Y., who holds a place of high esteem, is Elmer Augustus Jones, M. D., whose reputation as a physician and as a man is valued in great degree both in the circles of the medical profession and in the realm of citizenship. He was born in Chandlers Valley, in the State of Pennsylvania, Feb. 11, 1872, a son of Augustus William and Carrie Louise (Lawson) Jones. His father was the owner of a saw mill and lumber business in Chandlers Valley for many years, but later in life engaged in the grocery business in North Warren, Pa., where he and his wife still reside. Mr. and Mrs. Augustus W. Jones are the parents of three children: Dr. Elmer A. Jones, of whom further; Alice Carrie,

the wife of H. D. Wade, an oil operator, who lives at Warren, Pa.; and Dr. Claud William Jones, a dentist of Corry, Pa.

The elementary portion of Dr. Elmer A. Jones' education was acquired at the local public schools of Chandlers Valley, and he next attended the Sugar Grove Seminary, where he took the usual preparatory course and graduated in 1893. Having decided upon the career of a medical doctor as his life's work, he entered the University of Buffalo, at Buffalo, N. Y., where he pursued the study of medicine, resulting in his graduation with honors therefrom in 1896 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. That same year he passed the New York State board examinations which entitled him to the privilege of the general practice of his profession. He came almost immediately to the city of Jamestown, and here he began in active practice as a physician on his own account. His residence in Jamestown has covered a period of almost a quarter of a century, and here his time has been devoted to unrestricted and faithful service in behalf of those whom he was able to serve both as a physician and citizen.

Dr. Elmer A. Jones is a member of the Jamestown and Chautauqua Medical societies, the American Medical Association, and various others. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Mt. Tabor Lodge, No. 780, of Jamestown, and the Knights of Pythias, Lodge No. 248, of Jamestown. He was a member of the Medical Corps of the 113th Separate Company, National Guard New York, during the Spanish-American War. During the recent World War, Dr. Jones gave much of his time to the various war activities. He was on the reserve list for medical service and rendered what aid he could to his country. In his political faith, Dr. Jones is a Republican. He and his family attend the First Congregational Church, of Jamestown.

Four years after his removal to Jamestown, N. Y., Dr. Jones was united in marriage, Dec. 30, 1900, to Helen B. Selander, of that city. Dr. and Mrs. Jones are the parents of two children, as follows: Everett William, born March 14, 1907; and Margaret Helen, born April 25, 1909.

**CLARE A. PICKARD**, one of the prominent attorneys of Jamestown, Chautauqua county, N. Y., and also a conspicuous figure in the business life of this community, is a member of a family which has for four generations taken an active part in the affairs of this region. He is a grandson of the late Major Henry Pickard, who was one of the pioneers of the town of Ellery, where he settled on Pickard Hill as early as 1816. Major Pickard's father, John Pickard, was also one of the early settlers in this part of the country.

Alonzo C. Pickard, father of Clare A. Pickard, was born Feb. 17, 1838, at Ellery, N. Y., and was the son of Major Henry and Maria (Vanderwarker) Pickard. Alonzo C. Pickard attended the local schools until he reached the age of eighteen years, after which he studied at the Meadville Academy, and later matriculated at Allegheny College. At the outbreak of the Civil War, however, he left college to enroll in the Allegheny College Volunteers, afterwards Company L, of the 10th Pennsylvania Reserves. He later became a member of the 112th Regiment of the New York Volunteer Infan-





*E. A. Jones, M. P.*



try, where he was commissioned first lieutenant, and subsequently breveted major for gallantry in the field. He was seriously wounded in the Battle of the Wilderness, and after his recovery was assigned to court martial duty in Washington and later was made judge advocate in Alexandria, Va. After his discharge from the army, in 1865, he returned to Western New York, where he taught school for several years. He was school commissioner for two terms, and for several years supervisor of his town. He commenced the study of law with the late Judge Cook, and continued, subsequently, with John G. Wicks. After his admission to the bar he engaged continually in the practice of his profession until the time of his death, in 1910. He married, June 16, 1865, Rozilla Flagg, a daughter of Captain Madison Flagg, of Stockton. They became the parents of three children: Clare A., of whom further; Ray F.; and Fern, who became the wife of E. W. Stevens.

Clare A. Pickard was born Sept. 9, 1866, at Busti, Chautauqua county, N. Y. As a lad he attended the Frewsburg Union School, from which he was graduated in 1882. He displayed unusual aptitude as a student and, like his father, began his career in life as a school teacher, being employed in several different schools in Chautauqua county. In 1885 he gave up his work in order to enter the employ of the Remington Typewriter Company at Pittsburgh. In this work he displayed much business ability and made himself of such value to his employers that he was appointed manager of the Remington Company's offices at Cleveland, Ohio, and later at Wheeling, W. Va. He remained with this concern for about four years and then located at San Francisco, Cal., having been sent to that point by the New York Life Insurance Company as metropolitan manager. Here also Mr. Pickard made a marked success and continued to fill this responsible post for about seven years. In 1895 he returned to the East, having severed his connection with the New York Life, and settled at Jamestown.

Before going to the West, Mr. Pickard had taken up the study of law and, upon returning to Jamestown, he resumed his study of this subject, which he pursued to such good purpose that he was admitted to the practice of law in June, 1898. He then opened offices in the Elicott building and engaged in the general practice of his profession, meeting with a high degree of success from the outset. Later he changed his location to the Wellman building, where his headquarters are at the present time. He conducts a large legal practice, making a specialty of corporation and business law. He has engaged in the trial of many cases, some of which have been among the most important held within the county. In February, 1920, he took into partnership Hugh V. N. Bodine, formerly of Friendship, N. Y., who is now associated with him under the firm name of Pickard & Bodine. Mr. Pickard is a member of the Jamestown Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association, and the Lawyers' Club of Buffalo.

In addition to his law practice, Mr. Pickard has actively engaged in many business enterprises in Jamestown and Chautauqua county. He has been a member of the board of directors of a number of important business concerns. During the participation of the United States in the great World War, Mr. Pickard served his country

efficiently and well in the responsible office of United States Food Administrator for Chautauqua county.

Mr. Pickard is prominent in fraternal circles, especially in the Masonic order, in which he has taken the thirty-second degree in Freemasonry, and is a member of: Mount Moriah Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Western Sun Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Jamestown Council, Royal and Select Masters; Jamestown Commandery, Knights Templar; Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and Buffalo Consistory, Sovereign Princes of the Royal Secret.

Clare A. Pickard married, Feb. 25, 1896, Rachael Giles, a daughter of Benjamin and Rachael (Longshore) Giles. To Mr. and Mrs. Pickard were born three children, as follows: Clarence Giles, who is now a student at Hamilton College, with the class of 1921; Rachael Longshore, a high school student with the class of 1922; and Rozilla Putnam, aged ten years.

**HENRY LEWORTHY**—Were Mr. Leworthy to be classed according to his business, "antiquarian" would be his classification, for his storerooms at No. 32 West Main street, Fredonia, are filled with old furniture, pictures, curios, engravings, silver, pewter, china, glass and brass, a veritable "Curiosity Shop." But the character of the man varies greatly from the classification, for in heart, spirit and deed he is progressive, alert and helpful. He radiates kindness and helpfulness, and "Ye Olde Booke Shoppe" is a favorite resting place for both town and country folk. Nearly half a century ago he first made Fredonia his abiding place, and there are few, or rather none, in the village or town who do not know him. He is a native son of Chautauqua, born in the town of Villenova, of English-Irish parents, his father, William Beer Leworthy, of North Devon, England, and his mother, Mary Jamison, of Waterford, Ireland. They were married in the village of Johnson Creek, Niagara county, N. Y., in 1855, lived in Chautauqua county, 1855-60, Niagara county, 1860-67, then in the State of Michigan until the husband's death, in 1878. Mrs. Mary (Jamison) Leworthy died in Michigan, in 1904.

The Leworthys are an old Devonshire family; the little village of Charles, about nine miles distant from the city of Barnstable, has been the family home for about four centuries. In the village church, visited by Mr. Leworthy while on tour abroad, the register dates back to 1531. In that record the sixth marriage entry is that of John Leworthie and Englishe Bright, the date June 28, 1547. On the largest of the five bells in the old church tower he found the inscription: "Given to the parish by George Leworthy, Gentlemen, in 1733, during the pastorate of John Rosier." John Leworthy, great-grandfather of Henry Leworthy, was an English soldier and fought under Wellington at Waterloo.

Henry Leworthy was born in the town of Villenova, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Aug. 2, 1856. He was taken by his parents to Southern Michigan in 1867, but in 1869 returned to Villenova and entered the employ of his uncle, Edwin Leworthy, a merchant in the village of Hamlet. In that country store he developed a taste for mercantile life and there remained until 1875, when he became a student at the Fredonia State Normal, continuing until 1878. In that year and for twelve years

thereafter, he was a clerk in the Jesse K. Starr store in Fredonia, leaving in 1890 to become a partner with Bert Belden, they trading as Belden & Leworthy, dealers in groceries and crockery. The partnership existed until 1908; Mr. Leworthy then served as town assessor for a time. At the failure of Dorset Brothers he bought their drug and grocery business, soon closing out the drugs and later selling the grocery stock to the firm of Annas & Dorset.

In the spring of 1918 Mr. Leworthy opened "Ye Olde Booke Shoppe" at No. 32 West Main street, and there continues, a dealer in books and antiques. He has a wonderful collection of old china, that having long been a specialty with him, and he possesses some pieces of great historical interest and value. His collection of antique furniture is remarkable and includes pieces rare and valuable. He is considered an authority, especially upon old china, and has given little addresses on the subject to gatherings of persons interested in the ceramic art.

Mr. Leworthy is interested in the preservation of local history and has aided in the gathering of material for this present work. Anything historic in books, pictures, china or furniture, possesses a peculiar interest for him, and their collection and arranging is his favorite recreation. He has been an official member of the First Methodist church of Fredonia for over forty years, and is an active, interested member of the County Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association. All good works appeal to him and his time is freely given to helpful church or association work. During the World War period, 1917-18, he gave himself unreservedly to war work of various kinds and was one of the enthusiastic "drive" workers.

Mr. Leworthy married, Sept. 2, 1885, Arabelle Wheeler, daughter of Dan and Mary A. (Kirkland) Wheeler. The Wheelers and Kirklands were early settlers of the town of Hanover. Mr. and Mrs. Leworthy are the parents of two sons: 1. Ralph Hall, born Nov. 5, 1890; a veteran of the World War, serving with the 306th Machine Gun Battalion. Six weeks after leaving Fredonia he was in Northern France, where his outfit engaged in many historic battles, and fought up to the signing of the armistice. 2. Henry K., born Aug. 15, 1896; also a veteran of the World War, a member of the First Division, Third Battalion, Naval Militia, of the State of New York. Three days after President Wilson's declaration of a state of war existing between the United States and Germany he was in active service, serving from Easter Sunday, 1917, until July 1, 1919. During this time he crossed the Atlantic ocean twenty-eight times.

The Leworthy brothers are the authorized agents for the Ford Automobile Company for the city and town of Dunkirk.

**LEVI LUCE**—Among the prominent merchants of Ellington, Chautauqua county, N. Y., is Levi Luce, a native of this place, where his birth occurred Aug. 14, 1874, and a son of Joseph and Lucy (Simons) Luce, the former a prominent farmer of these parts for many years. Levi Luce obtained his education at the public schools of Ellington and the Ellington High School. Upon completing his studies at the latter institution, Mr. Ellington began his business career by opening a general store, and met with notable success from the outset.

Since that time Mr. Luce has developed a large and successful business and his establishment is regarded as one of the finest of its kind in the community to-day. Mr. Luce has not confined himself to the carrying on of his private business but has become affiliated with a number of important financial institutions in this region. He has always taken a keen interest in public affairs and at the present time holds the office of justice of the peace at Ellington, where he has established an enviable record on account of his just and impartial treatment of all who come before him in that capacity. Mr. Luce is a Free Methodist in his religious belief and attends the church of that denomination at Ellington.

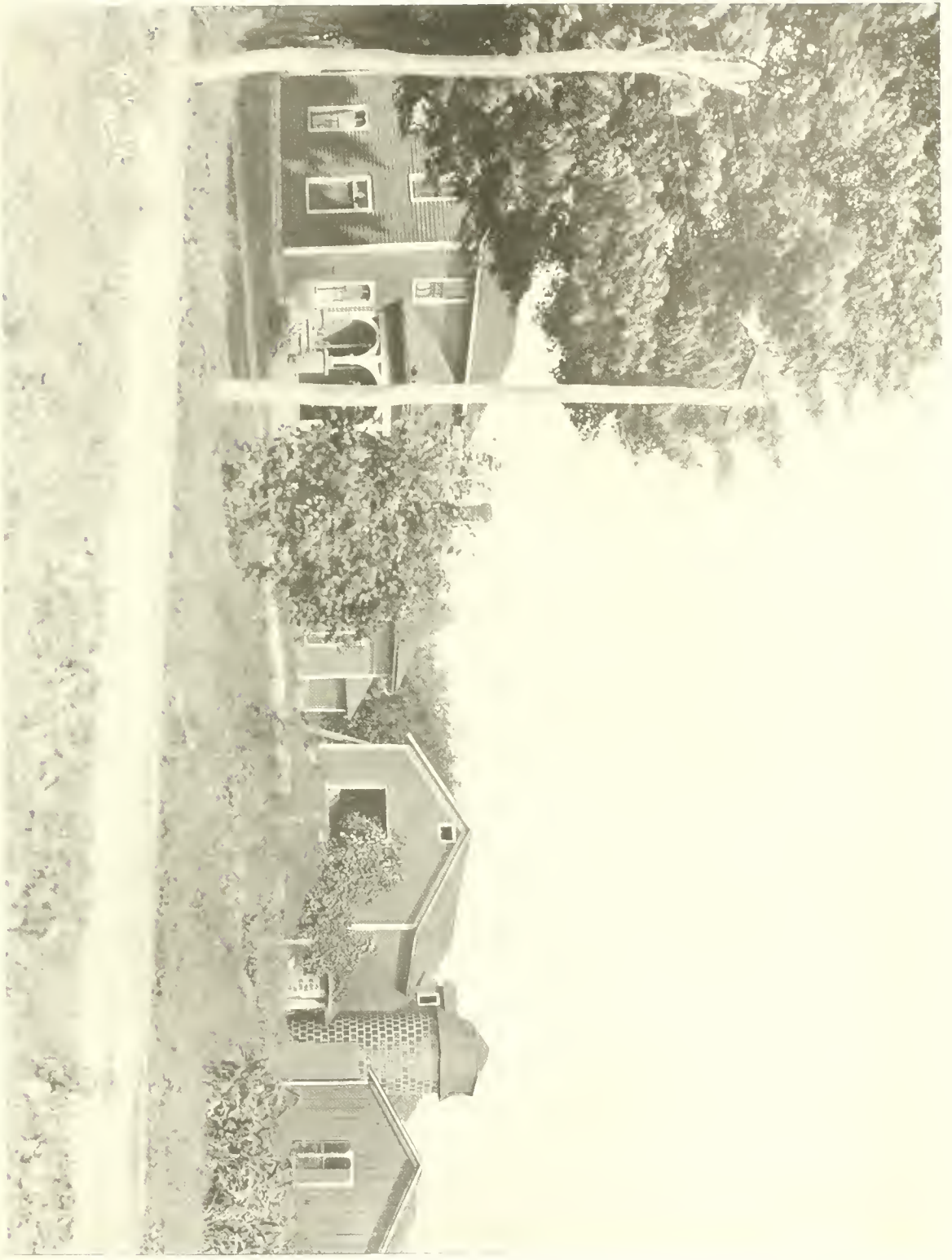
Levi Luce married, Feb. 7, 1900, at Ellington, Minnie Pritchard, a native of this place, where her birth occurred March 23, 1876, and a daughter of Amos and Anna (Wilcox) Pritchard.

**CHARLES HENRY WIBORG**, well known lawyer and prominent in various activities of civic, fraternal and club life of Jamestown, is a native of this city, having been born here Oct. 30, 1873, son of Jacob N. and Christine (Ahlstrom) Wiborg. The elder Mr. Wiborg was a native of Sweden and was among the first settlers of this nationality to come to Chautauqua county. He was engaged for many years in the manufacture of pianos, being connected with the Ahlstrom Piano Company of Jamestown. To Mr. and Mrs. Jacob N. and Christine (Ahlstrom) Wiborg were born five children: Charles Henry, the subject of this sketch; Jennie M., deceased; Florence W., who became the wife of T. H. W. Meredith, of Jamestown; Lillian, who became the wife of H. H. Roberts, also of this city; and Leonard, deceased.

Charles Henry Wiborg has spent his entire life in Jamestown, having been educated in the public schools and Jamestown High School, graduating from the latter in 1893. As a youth he determined upon law as a profession and accordingly entered the law offices of Green & Woodbury, prominent attorneys of Jamestown, where he read law for two years. He then matriculated at the law school of Cornell University, from which he was graduated in 1897 with the degree of LL. D. He began general practice in his profession on July 29 of the same year in Jamestown, and for a time was in partnership with C. D. Babcock. In 1904 this association was discontinued and since that time Mr. Wiborg has practiced alone, with offices in the Fenton building.

Mr. Wiborg is a man of much versatility and has been identified with many important movements of Jamestown and the county, and is widely known. During the great World War, his patriotic endeavors were appreciated in the various campaigns of the Liberty Loans, the Red Cross, Young Men's Christian Association, and the United War Work Drives. In every movement of this kind he gave much of his time, and was a most active and energetic worker. Mr. Wiborg may be considered an expert in creating a sentiment of good fellowship and cheer in the many things he has been asked to give his leadership to. He has been in much demand as a cheer and song leader at many public banquets and other functions held by the civic, church, fraternal and club organizations in this city and all over the county.





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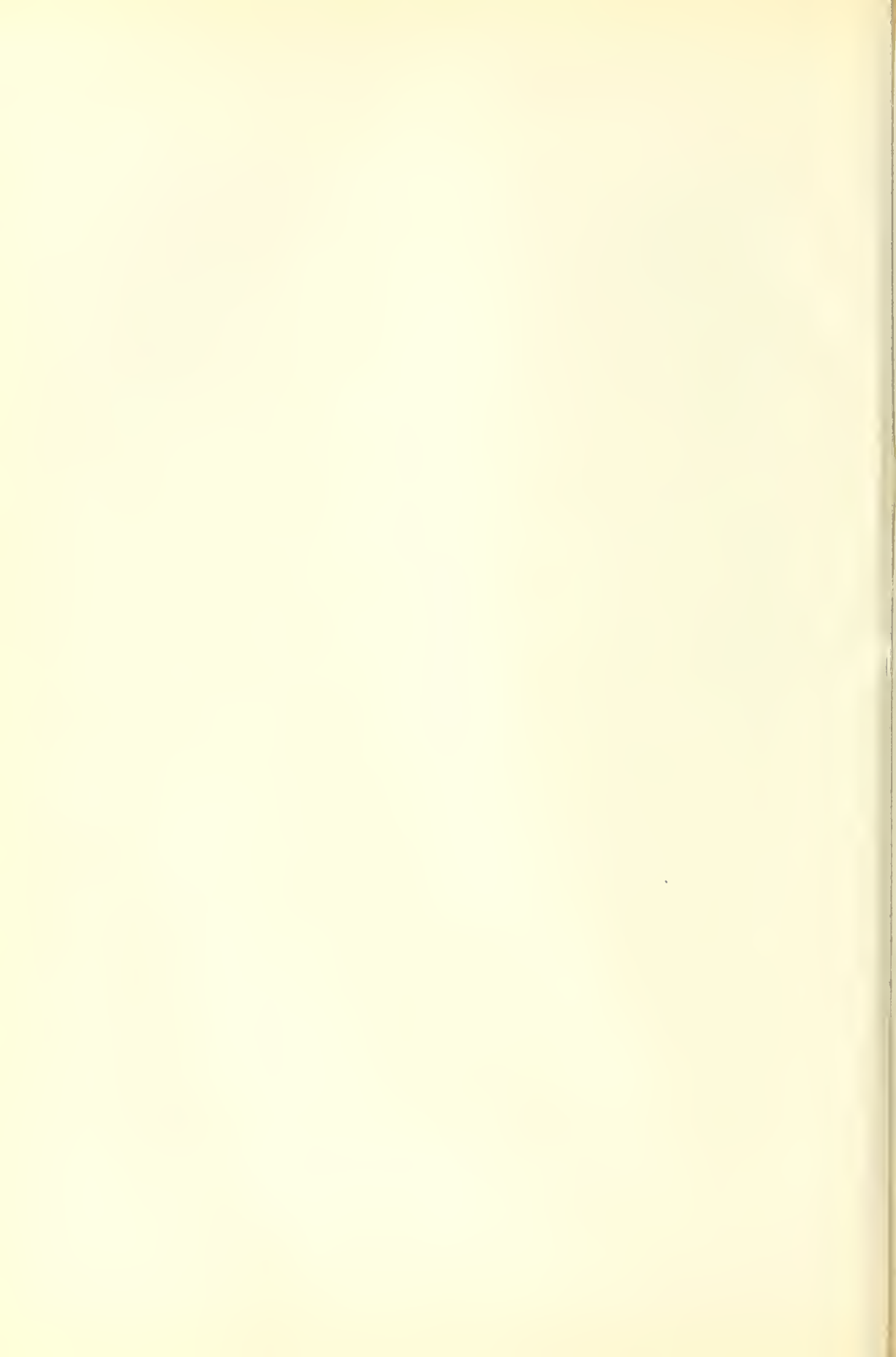


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Mrs. Levi Luce



Mr. Wiborg is eminently a strong community figurer and public-spirited. In all his activities he never loses sight of the interest and promotion of good fellowship among his fellow-citizens.

The review, herewith, gives a number of the affiliations in which he has been prominent. Politically he is a staunch Republican. At the present time he is an acting judge of the City Court; transfer tax appraiser for Chautauqua county since June, 1916; member of the New York State Motor Federation; Legislative Committee, and has done much for the advancement of good roads and road regulations; member of the Jamestown Bar Association, of which he has been secretary and treasurer since 1906. His fraternal and club organizations are: The Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, being a member of its Blue Lodge, chapter, commandery and shrine; he is one of the organizers and was one of the first directors of the Rotary Club; member of the Norden Club; the Jamestown Automobile Club, of which he was secretary in 1915; the Chadakoin Boat Club, of which he has been commodore for nine years; trustee for twelve years of the Jamestown High School Alumni Association; and member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Jamestown.

**BRAINARD T. HARKNESS**—A residence of forty years in Jamestown has made the name we have just written so familiar to a majority of her citizens as to render wholly unnecessary any introductory clause or paragraph. Not only is the name of Mr. Harkness familiar, but any mention of it is always greeted with respect, inasmuch as it is the name of a veteran of the Civil War and an upright, public-spirited citizen.

The following is the "Mayflower" lineage of the Harkness family:

(I) Edward Doty, came in the "Mayflower" in 1620. He married, Jan. 6, 1634, Faith Clark, born 1619, probably a second wife, daughter of Tristram Clark.

(II) John Doty, son of Edward and Faith (Clark) Doty, was born at Plymouth, Mass., 1639. He married, about 1667, Elizabeth Cook, born in 1648, daughter of Jacob Cook, born in Holland, who was a son of Francis Cook, who came in the "Mayflower," 1620.

(III) John (2) Doty, son of John (1) and Elizabeth (Cook) Doty, was born at Plymouth, Mass., Aug. 24, 1668. He married, February, 1692, Mehitable Nelson, born April 5, 1670, daughter of John and Sarah (Wood) Nelson. John Nelson, born 1647, was son of W. Nelson, who came early to New England, and married Martha Ford.

(IV) John (3) Doty, son of John (2) and Mehitable (Nelson) Doty, was born at Plymouth, Mass., Feb. 5, 1700. He married, July 8, 1724, Lidiah Dunham, born 1704, daughter of Elisha and Johanna Dunham. The Dunhams were early at Plymouth.

(V) Ebenezer Doty, son of John (3) and Lidiah (Dunham) Doty, was born 1727. He married, June 12, 1750, Mary Whiting.

(VI) Amaziah Doty, son of Ebenezer and Mary (Whiting) Doty, was born at Plymouth, Mass., May 17, 1756, died at Cazenovia, N. Y., Jan. 24, 1833. He married, 1779, Bertha Hamlin, of Barnstable, Mass. They moved to Lee, Mass.; fifteen years later they moved to

Bennington, Vt.; a short time thereafter they moved to Granville, N. Y., then to Chenango county, N. Y., and about 1813 to Cazenovia, N. Y.

(VII) Mary Doty, daughter of Amaziah and Bertha (Hamlin) Doty, was born at Lee, Mass., June 20, 1786. She married, at Granville, N. Y., November, 1805, Jacob Harkness.

(VIII) Henderson Harkness, son of Jacob and Mary (Doty) Harkness, was born in Granville, N. Y., 1816. He was twelve years old when his parents moved to Salem, Washington county, N. Y., where they were pioneer settlers. Henderson Harkness was a farmer all his life, owning and operating for many years a farm in Salem township. Later he moved to North Greenwich, N. Y., where he also engaged in farming, settling, when he retired from active life, in the village of Greenwich, where he passed the remainder of his days. Mr. Harkness married Sarah Ann Bishop, of Lyons, N. Y., and both he and his wife passed away in their home in Greenwich. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mrs. Harkness was born in Dutchess county, N. Y., daughter of William and Sarah Ann (Dunning) Bishop. Mr. and Mrs. Harkness were the parents of five children: Julia, Brainard T., Edward, Sarah, and William.

(IX) Brainard T. Harkness, son of Henderson and Sarah Ann (Bishop) Harkness, was born July 3, 1845, in Salem, Washington county, N. Y., and was reared to farm life, acquiring his education in Salem school. While still a boy he exchanged the quiet environment of the country for that of the camp and the battle field, enlisting, Dec. 26, 1861, for a term of three years, in Company D, 4th Regiment, New York Heavy Artillery, under Captain Jones and Colonel Doubleday. On Dec. 28, 1863, he reenlisted, as a veteran, as corporal in the same company and regiment, and participated in the battles of the Wilderness and Spottsylvania, receiving, May 19, 1864, at Spottsylvania, a wound in the left knee which sent him to the field hospital and later to the Lincoln Hospital in Washington. Later he was sent to the hospital at Davids Island, Long Island Sound, and finally to the hospital in Albany, N. Y., whence he was transferred to the Veteran Reserve Corps, April 15, 1865, received his discharge at Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 3, 1865.

On returning home, Mr. Harkness learned the blacksmith's trade in Greenwich, and followed it in that town, later going to Cambridge, N. Y., where he engaged in general blacksmithing on his own account for a period of ten years. In 1879, Mr. Harkness came to Jamestown and established himself as a blacksmith on Second street, but at the end of a year obtained a position as blacksmith and iron worker in the Jamestown Worsted Mills, which were then under the superintendency of the late Samuel Briggs. Mr. Harkness has now, for forty years, been continuously employed by this corporation, which is one of the oldest in Jamestown. In politics, Mr. Harkness is a staunch Republican. He belongs to James M. Brown Post, Grand Army of the Republic, of Jamestown, in which he has filled many offices, including that of post commander.

Mr. Harkness married, Feb. 10, 1875, in Jamestown, Effie B. Tefft, a native of that place, daughter of Benjamin Franklin and Harriet (Hanchett) Tefft, grand-

daughter of Benjamin Cottrell and Margaret (Nelson) Tefft, and great-granddaughter of Asa Tefft, a Revolutionary soldier. Her grandfather served as a soldier in the War of 1812, and her father served in the Civil War, was quartermaster sergeant in Company E, 21st New York Cavalry, discharged Sept. 9, 1869, at Camp Collins, Col. Mrs. Harkness is a niece of Lathrop L. Hanchett, justice of the peace, and the late Theodore D. Hanchett, of Jamestown. Mr. and Mrs. Harkness are the parents of a son and a daughter: Louis Tefft Harkness, superintendent of the Automatic Registering Machine Company of Jamestown, who married Myrtle Guild; and Harriet M. Harkness. Mrs. Harkness is a woman of culture, devoted to household ties. She is a past president of the Woman's Relief Corps. The beautiful family home, which was built by Mr. Harkness some years ago, is situated on Winsor street, Jamestown.

If to make a good record as soldier, citizen, and business man is to succeed, Brainard T. Harkness must certainly be counted a successful man, especially as, over and above the causes for congratulation already mentioned, he has won the high respect and warm regard of his neighbors and fellow-citizens.

**HARVEY FRANKLIN JONES**, the well known business man of Falconer, Chautauqua county, N. Y., is a native of Pine Grove, Warren county, Pa., born April 14, 1859, a son of Jehu P. and Harriett (Herrick) Jones, old and highly respected residents of that place. The elder Mr. Jones was a farmer by occupation, and died about twenty-five years ago. He was a native of Pine Grove township, as was also his wife, and he was for many years well known as a leading Republican there. Harvey Franklin Jones is a great-grandson of Isaiah Jones, who took part in the Revolutionary War and served under General Washington. He was a man of unusual ability, and could speak the Indian language, so that he became a well known figure in the dealings of the early Americans with their savage neighbors.

The early life of Harvey Franklin Jones was passed in his native region, and it was there that he gained his education, attending the local district schools for this purpose. While still quite a youth, however, he abandoned his studies and secured a position on a neighboring farm, working for a time both for his father and for other agriculturalists in the region. Upon attaining his majority, Mr. Jones secured a position with E. H. French, of Russell, Pa., who was engaged in the feed business there, and remained with him for two years. Desiring to be engaged in business on his own account, Mr. Jones then took charge of the mill at Kinzua, Warren county, Pa., which he operated for about five years. While he resided in Kinzua, Mr. Jones held the office of constable for the township and discharged the duties of this office for three years. He then removed to McKean county, Pa., where he worked for the firm of French & Pickett, who conducted a large lumber business in that region. For two years he was superintendent of that concern, and in 1896 came to Falconer, N. Y., and engaged in the meat business, founding the City Meat Market on Main street. For two years he continued in this enterprise, with a high degree of success, by himself, and then admitted as a partner E. L. Elderkin, an

association which continued for three years longer. At the end of that period, Mr. Jones sold out his interest in the business and formed the Falconer Milling Company, Inc., of which he was elected the president and manager, an office which he continued to hold until 1900. In that year, Mr. Jones was elected to the office of town clerk of Ellicott, and served the community in that capacity for a period of eleven years. He is a staunch Republican in politics, and in addition to his post as town clerk has also served as assessor to the town of Ellicott, and was twice elected a trustee of the village. In 1912 Mr. Jones sold his interest in the milling business and entered the grocery business, opening an establishment at No. 67 West Main street. Still later he repurchased his old milling concern at Falconer, to which he was again elected president and general manager, an office that he continues to hold at the present time. Mr. Jones attends St. Luke's Episcopal Church at Jamestown, and has been active in supporting the work of the parish, liberally supporting its philanthropic and benevolent undertakings.

Mr. Jones was united in marriage, Dec. 5, 1888, at Russell, Warren county, Pa., with Estelle French, who was born at Pine Grove, a daughter of Edwin H. and Ellenore (Jones) French, the former a native of Massachusetts, who came to Pennsylvania as a small boy, and the latter of Warren county, Pa. Mr. French was engaged in a mercantile business at Russell, Pa., and also dealt in lumber. To Mr. and Mrs. Jones two children have been born, as follows: Helen Marie, who became the wife of Robert P. Hussey, of Falconer, to whom she has borne one child, Gwendolyn; Florence Aline, who became the wife of William F. May, of Falconer, to whom she has borne one child, Mary Genevieve.

**GEORGE RAPPOLE**—The narrowest part of Chautauqua Lake is at Bemus Point, a ferry there crossing the lake to Stow, in the town of Harmony. Eleven acres of this Bemus Point tract was formerly owned by Albertus W. Rappole, who started the ferry and was one of the early builders of the Bemus Point settlement, now a prosperous summer resort, and an incorporated village, with a permanent population reported by the State census of 1915 to be 270. The eleven acres he owned became valuable, and upon part of his holdings Mr. Rappole erected in 1893 the Columbian Hotel, a house of entertainment, containing forty-five rooms, built at a cost of \$17,000. The hotel was well patronized in the summer months, the balance of the little farm of eleven acres producing the fruits and vegetables which supplied its table.

At the Bemus Point farm George Rappole, now proprietor of the hotel, and an electrician, was born Oct. 13, 1881, son of Albertus W. and Velona (Stone) Rappole. He attended public schools, completing grammar grades, then became interested in electricity and adopted its application to home uses as a business. He completed a course of study with the International Correspondence School of Scranton, and spent four years in the business in the city of Buffalo, and became an expert electrician. In 1903 his father was killed. The management of the hotel then fell upon George Rappole, and to that duty he has devoted his summers, following his business of electrician during the balance of the year. The Colum-





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bian Hotel is a popular house and well patronized during the vacation period, Bemus Point being one of the most popular of the many lake resorts. In 1920 100 rooms were added thereto, 80 having baths connected with them. Mr. Rappole formed a stock company, took over the Pickard Hotel, now adjoining, also the McKinzey farm consisting of 109 acres, which was turned into golf links, also the Ferry property, and he is now the president and manager of the same, Clarence D. Held serving in the capacities of secretary and treasurer. Mr. Rappole organized and installed the first telephone service in the village, serving seventy-four subscribers, a business which he later sold to the Bell Telephone Company. He is also interested in the ownership of the Eagle Garage in Jamestown, and is a very successful business man. He is a Republican in politics; member of the Sons of the American Revolution, Board of Commerce, the Sportsman's Club, the Knights of Pythias, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and of the Free and Accepted Masons.

Mr. Rappole married, in 1903, Elizabeth R. McLaughlin, daughter of Patrick and Fanny (Smith) McLaughlin, and they are the parents of two children: Albertus W. and George, Jr.

**CHARLES JEFFORDS CARPENTER**, late of Jamestown, Chautauqua county, N. Y., where his death occurred at his home, March 30, 1912, was for many years one of the prominent manufacturers and business men of the community and a public-spirited citizen. He was a native of Jamestown, born Nov. 20, 1857, a son of William and Sybbel (Jeffords) Carpenter, old and highly respected residents of this city.

He was a lad of only six years of age when his father died, and he was brought up by his mother who gave the greatest devotion and affection to her children, providing them with the best education that her limited means could afford. After attending the local schools of Jamestown for a number of years, Charles J. Carpenter began at an early age to be regularly employed in order to assist in supporting the family, working in the axe factory in which his father had met his death and his elder brother Elial was already employed. The two brothers worked at this establishment for a time, and in 1881, having laid by a little capital, left their employer and formed a partnership with Charles Tew and John Kofod and began the manufacture of axes and other tools. This company did business under the style of the Jamestown Axe and Edge Tool Manufacturing Company, and was highly successful in the enterprise, a very large business being worked up with a market extending throughout the region. The business was continued uninterruptedly up to the time of Mr. Elial Carpenter's death and for a short time afterwards, but it was then sold by the brother, Charles Jeffords Carpenter, who had accepted a position with the American Express Company. This he continued to hold until he again took up mechanical work, at which he was actively engaged up to the time of his death.

Mr. Carpenter was exceedingly active in the general life of the community of which he was a member, and took a prominent part in many of its affairs. During his youth he was not active in religious matters, but later

in life he was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal church of Jamestown, and became the superintendent of the Sunday school there. He also became a strong advocate of temperance and did much to promote the cause in this region. Mr. Carpenter was a member of a number of fraternal organizations, and was prominent in Masonic circles, being affiliated with Mt. Moriah Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Western Sun Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Jamestown Commandery, Knights Templar; Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Buffalo. He was also a member of the Jeffords Hose Company of Jamestown, and the Exempt Firemen's Association, and did much to advance the interests of the fire department.

Charles Jeffords Carpenter was united in marriage, Sept. 5, 1882, at Jamestown, to Jennie Young, born at Jamestown, Jan. 29, 1862, a daughter of James and Elizabeth (Moody) Young, and a member of a well known family here. They were the parents of two children, as follows: 1. Charles Raymond, who resides at Jamestown; married Olive Phillips, by whom he has had two daughters, Allene Estella and Donna Marion. 2. Allene, who became the wife of T. N. Nelson, the well known merchant tailor of Jamestown, to whom she has borne three children: Jane Elizabeth, Helen Allene, and Mary Louise.

**WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON**—The Harrison family is one of the oldest in Jamestown, where they are well known and highly respected citizens. The first member of the family to be known here was Dr. James J. Harrison, a dentist, who was a native of Massachusetts, but who came to Jamestown prior to 1830. He was one of the early settlers of this section.

William H. Harrison, son of Dr. James J. Harrison, was born in Jamestown in 1830 in a dwelling house which stood on the site now occupied by one of the Jamestown banks, at the corner of Main and Second streets. William H. Harrison married Mary Moynahan and among their children is William Henry, of whom further.

William Henry Harrison was born in Jamestown, April 30, 1871. His education was gained in the local schools of this city, but when fourteen years of age he left school and sought employment in the dry goods store of Hevenor Brothers in a minor position. Young Harrison remained with them until he was twenty years old; in the meantime he was promoted to the position of salesman. On May 16, 1891, Mr. Harrison entered the employ of A. D. Sharpe, the dry goods dealer, as a salesman in the dress goods department, later being transferred to the silk dress goods department in a similar capacity. He is now well identified with this company and is in charge of the purchasing department. Mr. Harrison has always been to the fore in the matter of rendering service to his city. For more than twenty-one years he was a member of the Fenton Guards, having the rank of second lieutenant. When the Spanish-American War broke out he enlisted, but as it was of so short a duration, he did not have an opportunity to leave the United States. Mr. Harrison is a member of the Knights of Columbus, being a past grand knight of that order; he is also district deputy for the Catholic Mutual Benevolent Association, and a member of the C. M. B. A.

Council. Mr. Harrison and his family are all members of the Roman Catholic Church of St. Peter and St. Paul.

On July 16, 1895, Mr. Harrison married in Jamestown, N. Y., Mary Kennedy. Of this union six children were born: Catherine, Cecelia, Richard, Francis, Josephine, William H., Jr.

**MARVIN H. KENT**—A dealer in tires and automobile accessories in Jamestown, N. Y., Mr. Kent has a good business and one with which he has long been familiar. He has prospered through close attention to business and through ability as a mechanic, he being an expert vulcanizer and repair man. He is a son of George Kent, of Cattaraugus county, N. Y., a farmer and teamster, and his wife, Louise (Cook) Kent, of Cattaraugus county.

Marvin H. Kent was born in Perrysburg, Cattaraugus county, N. Y., Oct. 29, 1872. He was educated in the public schools of that section, worked on the farm in early life, then became interested in automobile work and for several years has been successfully engaged in that business. At his place of business in Jamestown he ministers to the needs of automobilists generally. He is a Republican in politics. Mr. Kent has prospered in business, and has acquired considerable real estate in the section in which he resides.

Mr. Kent married, Jan. 13, 1896, in Leon, Cattaraugus county, N. Y., Elvina Hamilton, born in Leon, June 1, 1888, daughter of Leroy and Susan (Samuel) Hamilton. Mr. and Mrs. Kent are the parents of four children: 1. Hernian, born June 30, 1897; he enlisted in the service of his country, and served in Company E, 108th New York Infantry, from February, 1916, to Sept. 29, 1918, when he was killed in action. 2. Nellie, born March 12, 1899. 3. Leroy, born July 12, 1901. 4. Eva, born March 8, 1911.

**ERNEST JOHN BAILEY**, one of the leading residents of Brocton, Chautauqua county, N. Y., a successful building contractor who has to his credit many large contracts, has advanced far in material wealth, and at the same time has held the sincere respect of the people of the county who have known him under all conditions. He has manifested commendable characteristics, is a man of distinct business ability, and has exhibited a praiseworthy public spirit, and a practical desire to help on the well being of the community in general, and the poor and needy in particular. In business enterprise, he has been very successful, and has many consequential associations; he has for two decades had a contracting business which has found employment for a considerable number of men, has taken part in the establishment and direction of other important manufacturing concerns, and is vice-president of the Brocton Furniture Company.

Ernest J. Bailey was born in Charlotte Center, Charlotte township, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Oct. 27, 1868, the son of John J. and Barbara (Beha) Bailey, or Ballay, as the family is known in France, wherein is the original family seat. Ernest John Bailey is French in both paternal and maternal antecedents, the paternal line originating in Champagne, and his maternal ancestors

being from Alsace-Lorraine provinces of France. The patronymic, as originally spelled, was Ballay, and the American progenitor of the branch of the Ballay family to which Ernest John Bailey belongs was of that name, and it is not clear why the name became changed in spelling. It probably was wrongly written in real estate deeds, to substantiate the title to which the heirs took the Americanized version of the French patronymic. However that may be, the family in America has for some generations been known by the name of Bailey.

Ernest John Bailey was born on a farm, and in due time attended the district school nearest to his father's farm, after passing through which he seems to have commenced working at farming occupations quite early in his teens. By such work he accumulated sufficient means to carry him through business college, where he gained the fundamentals of executive work which were later of inestimable value to him in the management of his own important enterprises. He perhaps had mapped out his career well in advance, and knew the various steps by which sound success would come. He apprenticed himself to carpentry, serving an apprenticeship of five years, and later for six years was a journeyman carpenter, by which time he was thoroughly conversant with most phases of building construction. By steadiness of life, and by industrious continuance in work during the years, he had by that time acquired some financial means, sufficient at all events to induce him to enter independently into business as a builder and contractor. He had come to Brocton in 1893, and had worked as a carpenter upon many contracts in that place, so that he was comparatively well known in the village when he started in contracting business for himself in 1900. During the almost two decades to the present, he has had very substantial success as a contractor, and has to his credit the erection of many important buildings. Many of the fine residences in that section of Chautauqua county have been built by him, and among the buildings of public institutions and business corporations constructed by Mr. Bailey may be listed the following, all of which do credit to his thoroughness as a builder: The Brocton State Bank building; the Ahira Memorial Library building, Brocton; the Crandall building, Brocton; the Bailey building, which is a very fine structure, and used mainly by Mr. Bailey for his own business offices; the Norquist Metal Door Company plant, at Jamestown, a huge building; additions to the American Loco Works, and to the Atlas Crucible Steel Company plant at Dunkirk; construction work for the Buffalo & Lake Erie Traction Company, including the car barns at Fredonia, and all the stations with the exception of two between Buffalo and Erie, Pa.; the Court House at Mayville, Chautauqua county; the Church of Christ at Chautauqua; the Chautauqua High School; the Falconer High School; the Jamestown Grammar School; the Sherman Library; the Armour Grape Juice Company headquarters at Westfield, Chautauqua county; the gymnasium and other additions to the Normal School at Fredonia; some of the buildings of the Redwing Grape Juice Company, Fredonia; warehouses of the same company at Fredonia; the Memorial Hospital at Lillydale; the St. Hedwick Roman Catholic Church at Dunkirk; and the plant of the Brocton Furniture Company, and in addition, Mr.





*E. J. Bailey*



Bailey has undertaken many important building contracts outside Chautauqua county. He has during the period given employment to an average of about 140 workmen. It may therefore be inferred that, with moderate success, he must have acquired an appreciable degree of material wealth during the many years he has spent in consequential business as a contractor. As a matter of fact, he has been universally successful, for he knew his business thoroughly before committing himself to independent work. And latterly, as a capitalist, he has been brought into connection with many other outside enterprises. He owns stock in many manufacturing corporations in Chautauqua county; Mr. Bailey is one of the largest stockholders of the Brocton Furniture Company, of which he is vice-president.

Politically, Mr. Bailey is an independent Democrat, but has been too busy with business affairs that needed almost his undivided time to have much time to spare for participation in political movements, and he has never allowed himself to consider the thought of taking public office. He has nevertheless always been closely interested in local affairs, and has been ready to lend his support to any worthy local project. In fraternal affiliations, he has been faithful and is identified particularly with the Masonic order. He has risen to the thirty-second degree in the order, and is a member of the following: Blue Lodge of Brocton; the Chapter, Council, and Commandery, of Dunkirk; the Buffalo Shrine; and the Consistory of Jamestown, also of Buffalo.

On Sept. 12, 1900, Ernest John Bailey married Ruth Hall Pettit, grand-niece of Ahira Hall, whose genealogy will be found elsewhere in this historical work. To Mr. and Mrs. Bailey have been born three children: Kathleen Elizabeth, now in high school; Angeline Sarah, twin sister of the first-named, and also a high school student; Florence Edith, who also attends the local school.

The business success of Ernest John Bailey has been notable, especially so bearing in mind that it has come to him entirely by his own efforts, and he has a definite place among the worthy Chautauqua county people of his generation.

**HARRY RICHARD LEWIS**, one of the prominent attorneys of Jamestown, Chautauqua county, N. Y., and a much respected citizen of the community, is a native of Cincinnati, Ohio, born June 23, 1854. He is a son of Richard and Jane (Hatch) Lewis, old and highly respected residents of Jamestown.

Harry Richard Lewis attended the grammar schools of Cincinnati, and later the Woodward High School of that city, where he was prepared for college and from which he graduated in 1872. He then attended the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor in that State, where he took a three years' classical course. He was then transferred to the law school of the same university and graduated with the class of 1876, receiving the degree of LL. B. He spent a probationary period of one year in the law offices of Cook & Lockwood, prominent attorneys of Jamestown, and in 1877 was admitted to the Chautauqua county bar, and engaged in practice here on his own account. Since that time Mr. Lewis has developed a large general practice and has been successful in his profession. Mr. Lewis is a member of the Jamestown Bar

Association, and is also affiliated with a number of Masonic bodies, including Mt. Moriah Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Western Sun Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Jamestown Commandery, No. 61, Knights Templar.

Mr. Lewis married (first) Frances Adams, a daughter of Charles P. and Cornelia (Crane) Adams. To this union seven children were born, as follows: 1. Frances, who was educated at the grammar and high schools of Jamestown, and became the wife of Claude K. Ahlstrom, of Jamestown. 2. Richard, who was educated in the public schools of Jamestown, and is now at the head of a large mercantile business at Norwich, Conn. 3. Cornelia, who was also educated in the public schools of Jamestown, and became the wife of Fred H. Balcom, of Jamestown. 4. Charles Adams, who was educated in the public schools of Jamestown, and later at the Worcester Polytechnic Institute, from which he graduated with the degree of Chemical Engineer; at the present time he holds a very responsible position in a large industrial plant at Buffalo, N. Y. 5. Harry Richard, Jr., who studied in the Jamestown public schools, and later at the Worcester Polytechnic Institute, where he received the degree of Chemical Engineer; he is now prominently associated with a large manufacturing concern at Shelby, Ohio. 6. Bryce, who received the degree of Mechanical Engineer from the University of Michigan; he now holds an important position in a Detroit manufacturing plant. 7. Jane, who was educated in the public schools of Jamestown, and at the Leland Powers School at Boston, from which she was graduated with the class of 1917; she is now very successful in her career as an actress, being now in a large stock company at Schenectady, N. Y. All Mr. Lewis's children have been successful and have entirely justified their father's large expenditure of time and money in securing them the best possible education in their chosen subject. The first Mrs. Lewis died in the year 1910. On May 19, 1919, Mr. Lewis married (second) Harriet Woodford, of Jamestown, N. Y.

**JOHN FRANCIS RHINEHART**, for nineteen terms a teacher in Chautauqua county schools, and latterly a substantial and successful farmer in the Ripley section of the county, is a man well known and respected in the neighborhood, and prominent in many phases of its public affairs, having been school trustee and collector, justice of the peace, and assessor. He is an active granger and a charter member of the local branch of the Odd Fellows order. His life of sixty-five years has been lived wholly within the county, and since early manhood he has been connected, for at least part of his time each year, with worth-while agricultural production.

He was born in Ripley, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Aug. 23, 1854, the son of James and Jane (Sinden) Rhinehart. His mother was of English birth, but for years had been resident in Ripley. His father was an old Ripley resident, respected and prosperous, having a good blacksmithing business, and owning a good farm in Ripley. Their children, John F. and Effie, attended the Ripley schools. John F. Ripley was an apt pupil, and of studious inclination, and eventually he entered the teaching profession, which he followed for nineteen terms in Ashville and Chautauqua county schools. How-



ever, he was characteristically a man of energy and action, as well as of vigorous intellect, and each summer he devoted his time to occupations upon his father's farm. Finally, his father purchased from Thomas Sinden a rich farm of 200 acres at Ripley, and ultimately it passed into the possession of John F. Ripley, since which time he has lived there and devoted himself wholly to its management. It is a rich farm, having fine modern buildings, and Mr. Rhinehart has proved that he is a skillful farmer. He has a large herd of cattle, and as a dairy and general farm the property has brought him substantial return.

His education, his general ability, his likable disposition, and his estimable, general character, have brought him preferment to many positions of honor and responsibility in the local administration, and in political matters he has been a factor of some consequence in his district. He has for very many years given staunch allegiance to the Republican party in national politics, and he might have held many more offices in the local administration than he has undertaken had he so wished, for he has always been well regarded in the district. He has been assessor of Ripley, and has also been justice of the peace, to which judicial office he brought an impartial mind and a firm resolve to administer justice rightly, so far as he was able, and that he was able has been manifested upon many occasions, his findings being such as would have brought credit to a higher court. He has always been thorough and conscientious in all that he has undertaken, and in general has been able rapidly to assimilate knowledge, and there is every reason to suppose that soon after he was appointed to judicial office he rapidly became well versed in the fundamentals of law. He is a man of clear mind and logical thought, and has a good knowledge of men, so that as a justice he was well placed in the public service. He has also been interested actively in educational affairs, as might have been expected of a man of his academic inclinations and earlier associations; he has been a school trustee for many years, and has also undertaken the duties of collector of taxes. Fraternally, he is associated with the Odd Fellows organization, and is one of the charter members of the local body. And he has been a member of Ripley Grange for many years, actively interesting himself in its functioning and continuance in usefulness.

Mr. Rhinehart married (first) Rose B. Stone, of a well known Ripley family. They were married on April 18, 1876, at Ripley, and to them were born three children: 1. Myma, who married ——— Baxter, who for many years has been connected with railroad administrations. 2. Murray, who was well educated, primarily in Ripley schools; he eventually entered professional life, as a civil engineer, and is now connected with the Nickel Plate Railroad Company. 3. Ross, whose history is very similar to that of his elder brother, he also being a civil engineer, and also connected with the same railroad. Mr. Rhinehart married (second) Mertie Williams. She was born in Wisconsin, and they were married in October, 1902.

The home of the Rhineharts in Ripley is a fine one, and has ever been open to their friends. In earlier years Mr. Rhinehart took much part in social and community movements in the town, and has very many friends. His record of more than sixty years is an enviable one, his life having been given to useful, public service, and to consequential production in his native county.

**NEWTON LINCOLN**—Filling more than one minor public office with credit, Mr. Lincoln is, perhaps, more thoroughly identified with that of county librarian than with any other. In each one, however, his name is synonymous with talent and fidelity, and his fellow-citizens of Mayville congratulate themselves on having secured his services. Newton Lincoln was born Nov. 21, 1866, on his father's farm at Summerdale, N. Y., a son of Harrison and Adeline (Dickerson) Lincoln.

Newton Lincoln received his education in district schools and at the Mayville High School, being then for a time employed in a hotel. For four years thereafter he was engaged in farming, going then to Michigan and spending five years on his grandparents' farm. Returning to his home in Mayville, he was quietly employed for thirteen years in hotels there and in Jamestown, N. Y., and in 1904 obtained a position in the surrogate's office. He is now deputy clerk to the Surrogate's Court of the county. In 1910 he was appointed librarian and still retains the office, being devoted to its duties, which he finds thoroughly congenial. He has charge of between five and six thousand volumes. Cataloguing and similar duties he attends to personally. So highly is his work appreciated that he is frequently complimented on its excellence. From 1887 to 1900, Mr. Lincoln was a Democrat, but has since been allied with the Republicans. His favorite recreation, in the few leisure hours which attention to duty permits, is gardening, the cultivation of flowers and vegetables alike affording him enjoyment.

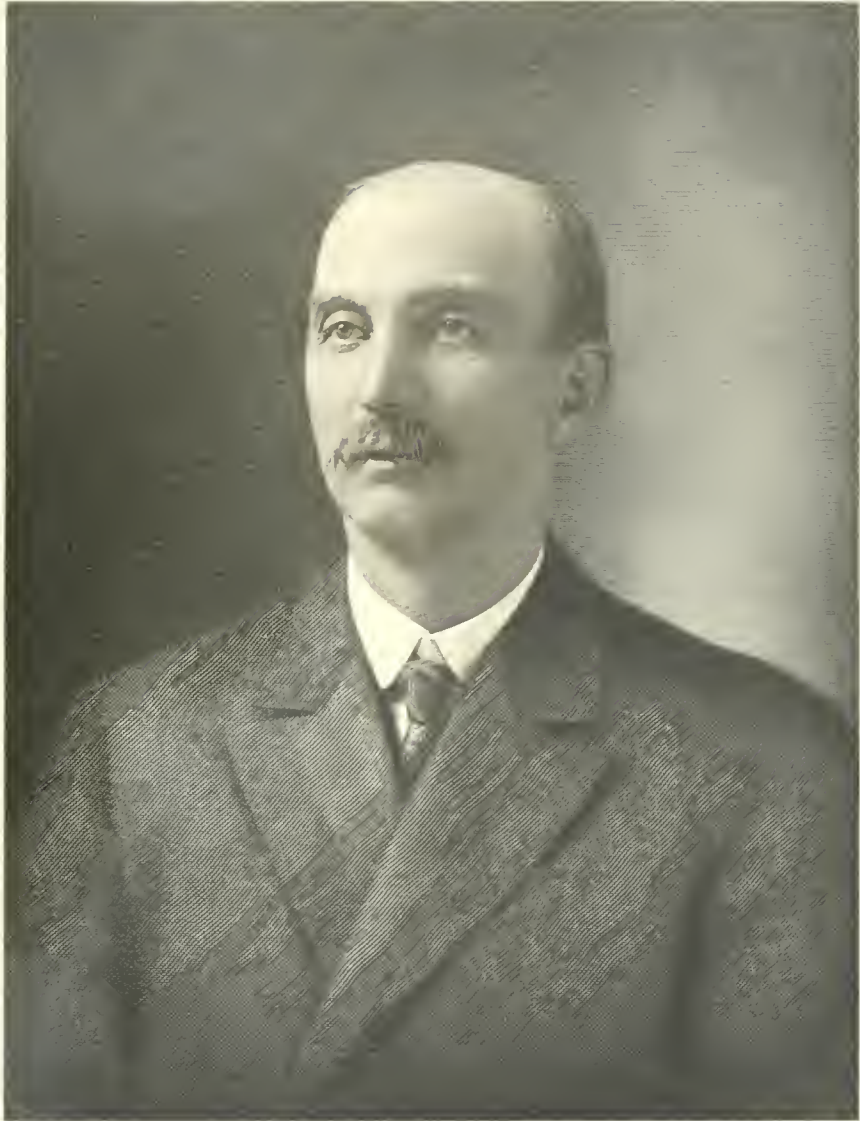
Mr. Lincoln married, Oct. 30, 1892, in Mayville, Annie, daughter of John and Elizabeth Lundquist, and they are the parents of the following children: 1. Edna, graduate of the Mayville grammar and high schools, and the Normal School, Fredonia, N. Y., class of 1913. 2. Margaret, graduate of the Mayville grammar and high schools, and Fredonia Normal, class of 1913; married Floyd A. Baker, of Erie, Pa. 3. Ruth, also a graduate of the Mayville grammar and high schools, and of Jamestown Business College; now a legal stenographer in Buffalo. 4. Robert B., in school. 5. Molly, also in school.

The people of Mayville have reason to wish that Mr. Lincoln may long continue to retain the office of librarian, in which he has for so many years given them an example of exceptional efficiency.

**A. MORELLE CHENEY**—The Cheney's are of an ancient English family and in Chautauqua county date from early settlement days. The family in New England trace to either John or William Cheney, both of whom came from England in 1635, and lived in Roxbury, Mass. The Cheney's of Chautauqua county are descendants of William Cheney. The first of the Cheney's in Chautauqua county was Ebenezer, a soldier of the French and Indian, and Revolutionary wars. He came first in June, 1808, stopping overnight at the Cross Roads (Westfield) while journeying elsewhere. He was so taken with lands on Lake Chautauqua that he made a selection and in the early summer of 1810 located permanently, taking land at what is now the village of Kiantone, and there died, Aug. 12, 1828, aged sixty-seven years.

A. Morelle Cheney, a son of Joshua and Mary (Gifford) Cheney, grandson of Calvin, and great-grandson of Jonathan Cheney, was born in the township of Ellery,





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Chautauqua county, N. Y., Aug. 7, 1857, and the farm upon which he was born, at now Bemus Point, he owns and upon it makes his home. He has developed the farm to a high state of productiveness, causing it to yield bountifully. He was educated in the public schools, Jamestown Union School, and Collegiate Institute, class of 1879. He has developed strong ability as a man of affairs, and has important business interests in Jamestown. He was one of the incorporators of the bank of Jamestown and since its organization has been a director and member of the executive committee of the board.

A Republican in politics, Mr. Cheney was continuously in county office from 1905, when he was elected supervisor of his own county, until the expiration of his term in 1917. He has served on many important committees of the board of supervisors. During the building of the court house at Mayville, he was chairman of the committee on public buildings and to him is largely due the credit of a county court house, completed with the amount appropriated therefor. In 1904 Mr. Cheney was elected to the State Assembly and served on the following committees: Revision, Taxation and Retrenchment, and Affairs of Villages. In 1913 he was again elected to the Assembly, polling 3,612 votes against his opponent's 3,537. He was again elected in 1915, receiving 4,753 votes against 1,728 for his opponent. He was appointed in that session a member of the following committees: Electricity, Gas and Water Supply, Taxation and Retrenchment, and Revision. He is a member of Union Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, and of Bemus Point Lodge, No. 585, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Mr. Cheney married, in Falconer, N. Y., Jan. 28, 1892, E. Maude Tracy, daughter of Oscar and Jemima (Lent) Tracy. Mr. and Mrs. Cheney are the parents of three children: M. Allene, born Feb. 2, 1893; Lucile M., born May 22, 1896; and A. Morelle, Jr., born July 4, 1902.

**FRANK W. BULLOCK**—Among the class of citizens who have helped to add to the development and importance of Jamestown and Chautauqua county, none have become more prominent by the force of their own individual efforts than Frank W. Bullock. He was born in Busti, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Feb. 2, 1874, a son of DeForest and Nettie (Blackmar) Bullock. Mr. Bullock, Sr., was a farmer and occupied the old homestead of ninety acres at Busti, which was formerly owned by Grandmother Marietta Shattuck, who came here in an ox-cart and located on this farm, in April, 1819, more than a century ago. Mr. Bullock's grandfather, Alvin, was a well known farmer and cattle buyer, and also dealt in agricultural implements, mowing machines, reapers, etc. This farm is now in the possession of Mr. Bullock, the subject of this review, who has improved and is making a fruit farm of it.

The early education of Frank W. Bullock was secured in the schools at Busti and the Sugar Grove Seminary at Sugar Grove, Pa. Later he took up a course in electrical engineering with the International Correspondence School, of Scranton, Pa. At the age of seventeen he accepted a position with the electric light plant at Lakewood, and during this time he received practical experience in power plant operations and the repairs of generators and other electrical apparatus. He worked in all

branches of the trade and in this he received the practical knowledge which served him so well in the years that followed. He was with this company three years when, Oct. 11, 1894, he accepted a position with the Jamestown Electric Lighting and Power Company. For four months he did the inside wiring for the company and then was promoted to operating engineer in the power house, continuing thus until 1900, when he was made superintendent, a position which he still holds, as well as being the superintendent for the Western New York Electric Company. He is a stockholder and director of both the Jamestown Lighting and Power Company and the Western New York Electric Company.

Mr. Bullock takes great interest in his work, as he has been much engaged in machinery and the science of electricity since his childhood. He is a member of the Masonic order, having attained the Knight Templar degree, of which he is past commander, having filled the office of commander in 1912. He is also a member of the Buffalo Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He attends the Methodist church, of which he is a member of the official board. He belongs to the Board of Commerce of Jamestown, and the National Electric Light Association of New York City.

At Jamestown, April 7, 1900, Mr. Bullock was united in marriage with Cassie, daughter of Alvero and Alice (Foster) Mathews, of Jamestown. Mr. and Mrs. Bullock are the parents of a son, Frederick, who is attending the public schools of Jamestown.

Mr. Bullock's thorough business qualifications, his knowledge of electricity and motive power, as well as his energy and strict integrity in business relations, have won for him the warm personal regard he merits.

**THE JAMESTOWN LIGHTING AND POWER COMPANY**—In 1886, the old Jamestown Electric Light and Power Company was incorporated, and in 1902 the present company was incorporated, under the name of the Jamestown Lighting and Power Company and the former company was merged into the new one. The purpose of the company was to supply electric light and power to citizens, manufacturing plants, and other institutions in Jamestown, Ellicott and Celoron. The old plant was situated at Nos. 9 to 11 Race street, on the west side of Brooklyn Square of Jamestown, N. Y.

In 1909, Messrs. A. N. and S. B. Broadhead, bought out the Jamestown Lighting and Power Company, and a new sub-station was built during the years 1910 and 1911 at No. 101 Washington street, and power was also obtained from the Jamestown Street Railway Company. The current is generated at the Jamestown Street Railway Power Company's power plant, located at the boat landing in Jamestown. This current from the power house is delivered to the sub-station at No. 101 Washington street and is transformed to the proper voltage for direct and alternating current. The general offices of the company are situated at No. 316 North Main street. The company is incorporated under the New York State laws with the following officers: President, A. N. Broadhead; vice-president, S. B. Broadhead; treasurer and secretary, Eric Sundholm; superintendent, F. W. Bullock. In 1916, this company purchased the Falconer Electric Light plant,

and current is now furnished to Falconer and town of Poland.

In 1911, the Western New York Electric Company, which is relatively close to the Jamestown Lighting and Power Company, was organized and incorporated with the following officers: President, A. N. Broadhead; vice-president, S. B. Broadhead; secretary, W. R. Reynolds; treasurer, Eric Sundholm; superintendent, F. W. Bullock. Power and light is now furnished by this company at Jamestown to both sides of Chautauqua Lake which includes the towns of Lakewood, Bemus Point, Busti, Harmony, Chautauqua, Ellery and Ellicott.

**CLARENCE DAVID JACKWAY**, although now living at Huron, Ohio, is a native of Chautauqua county, N. Y., and is part owner of a substantial fishery enterprise centering at Barcelona, Chautauqua county, which business for the last decade or so has found steady employment for about thirty men.

He was born in Barcelona, N. Y., Sept. 7, 1875, the son of John and Adeline (Fisher) Jackway. The Jackway family is of British origin, both parents of Clarence D. having been born in England, where his father followed the precarious and perilous occupation of fishing. To better his condition John Jackway came to America, and settled at Barcelona, and upon Lake Erie followed his original occupation, fisherman. He was the father of a large family, Clarence D. being one of eleven children born to his parents, and they were all young when his father died. The elder boys had to work for a living, and to provide sustenance for the mother and the younger children as soon as that great calamity came to the family.

Clarence D. Jackway was adopted by an uncle soon after his father's death, the uncle becoming responsible for the boy's wellbeing until he attained his majority. But as Clarence D. grew into manhood, he was drawn into the alluring and adventurous occupation followed by his father, and although, until 1908, he did not confine himself to fishing, most of his years of labor since he reached man's estate have been passed in undertakings perilous and otherwise, profitable and otherwise, upon Lake Erie. In 1908, he formed business partnership with a man of his native place, and he and his partner, Herman Lart, then established the Barcelona Fish Company, which soon became a flourishing business. It developed steadily until at the present time the partners own and keep in constant use during the season eight fishing schooners and other boats, finding employment for thirty men. Mr. Jackway undertakes the commercial phase of the company's affairs, and his partner, Herman Lart, supervises the operation of the boats. Both are substantial men of industry, who have succeeded by the adoption of good and logical business methods, but mainly by applying themselves industriously to that business.

Mr. Jackway married, April 14, 1898, Arras Wilson, of Fredonia, N. Y. They have three children: Floyd William, Ethel Irene, Ruth Margaret. The children are all being educated in Huron, Ohio, which is now the home of the family.

Clarence D. Jackway is a member of a Huron, Ohio, lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and

politically he is a Republican, but of independent mind. He has fixed convictions upon certain national subjects, and does not hesitate to follow those convictions even though they might temporarily draw him from his general allegiance to the Republican party. In general characteristics, Mr. Jackway is a man of outspoken frankness, but of pleasing disposition. His success in life is noteworthy, especially when one considers the handicaps of his early days.

**ROBERT LIVINGSTON NEWTON**—One of the leading representatives of Irving, N. Y., is Robert Livingston Newton, who has been a resident of this community for nearly fifty years and to-day is the owner of extensive farm lands which cover 250 acres.

Henry Newton, father of Robert Livingston Newton, was a farmer and mill owner during his lifetime. He married Harriett Lothridge, and they became the parents of six children: Sarah, wife of George H. Potter; Henry; Frances, wife of Albert Avery, of Battle Creek, Mich.; Melinda; Robert L., the subject of this review; and Lora, all now deceased, except Robert L.

Robert Livingston Newton was born June 26, 1844, at Irving, N. Y. After attending the district schools and graduating from the academy at Fredonia, N. Y., he learned the trade of miller with his father who ran the Irving Mill. This mill was burned in 1858 and was rebuilt and destroyed again by fire in 1861. After a year his father bought the Laona Mill, and a little later Robert L. bought it from his father, selling it in 1869 and buying a farm of 100 acres at Laona, where he built a large brick house. This he sold in 1874, and then moved to Irving, N. Y., where he bought a large grist and saw mill which later was destroyed by flood. Mr. Newton has resided in Irving, N. Y., since 1874, and to-day is the owner of a farm consisting of 250 acres on which are grown all kinds of vegetables together with fruits and grapes. By means of this occupation Mr. Newton has become very prosperous, and is a well known figure in the community. Politically Mr. Newton is a Republican, giving to public affairs the interest and attention demanded of every good citizen. He is a member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. The best proof of his capable management is furnished by the history of his business career, but his countenance and personality seem to make this record appear quite a matter of course.

Mr. Newton married, Dec. 19, 1866, Harriett Moore, daughter of William and Flora (Rood) Moore, and they are the parents of three children: Melinda, wife of George P. Newton, of Cleveland, Ohio; Carrie, widow of W. F. Nash; Katherine, wife of A. C. Barbeau, of Silver Creek, and mother of two children, Katherine and A. C., Jr.

Throughout his career Mr. Newton has been animated by the spirit of progress, and he has furnished a true picture of the man who creates and adds to the wealth of nations while advancing his own interests.

**FRANK GUSTAVE NORDSTRUM**—The dominant characteristics in the life of Frank Gustave Nordstrum have been ambition and determination to progress; progression, advancement, onward and upward being





Robert L. Newton



words that unconsciously filled his thoughts from early boyhood until years after he had attained his majority.

Born in Sweden, Sept. 17, 1861, Mr. Nordstrum was thirteen years old when he came to America, coming to join his father who was a worker in Antrim, Pa. The elder Nordstrum had come to this country some time before, sending for his family, a wife and ten children, after he became located in his new environment. The boy found ready employment in the coal mines in Antrim during the working hours, and at night he studied constantly to make up for the forced neglect of an early education. This strenuous form of living was continued until the lad reached the age of twenty-one, when he left the mines and hired out to a farmer for the sum of ten dollars a month and board, with the privilege of attending the local school. This only continued for six months, when he went into the blacksmithing business, continuing in that for several years, when he had an opportunity to work for a railroad as foreman of a construction gang. At the end of six months, Mr. Nordstrum went West, settling in De Moines, Iowa, where for five years he was salesman and later assistant manager of the store of F. L. Harbeck, a furniture dealer of that city, continuing his studies as before.

After leaving the employ of Mr. Harbeck, Mr. Nordstrum returned East, going to Mansfield, Pa., where he entered the State Normal School, remaining for one term; then he went to Buffalo, N. Y., and remained for a year as salesman for D. E. Morgan & Son, dealers in furniture and carpets. He then found an opening in the Iroquois Hotel to act as timekeeper, having the opportunity of devoting his spare time to the study of the jewelry trade, which he determined to settle upon as his future method of earning a living. For a year he remained at the Iroquois Hotel, then in 1891 went to Waltham, Mass., where the Howard and Waltham watch companies conduct their large factories for the manufacturing of watches. Here he paid Zalg Brothers fifty dollars to allow him to learn more of the details of the jewelry business, working there for a time and elsewhere, wherever an opportunity in that line occurred. In 1896 he was in Oswego, N. Y., and rode from that city on a bicycle to Jamestown, where he intended going into business for himself. Taking a little store at No. 12 East Second street, Mr. Nordstrum entered upon the career of which he had dreamed for years; he understood every smallest detail of the work and he gave his customers such satisfaction that in three years the business grew to such a flourishing condition that it was necessary to enlarge his facilities, so he moved to Main street into larger quarters. This store soon proved too small for his constantly growing trade, so he bought out the jewelry business of Fred Fuller at No. 213 Main street, enlarged the store to accommodate his large stock and furnishings, and entered upon the most successful era of his long and patient preparation. Mr. Nordstrum has the largest jewelry store in Jamestown, and one of the finest in the western part of New York State. His advancement is well deserved, for the best years of his life were spent in overcoming the paucity of advantages in his youth and in fitting himself by constant application for his later occupation.

True to the inborn love of everything connected with the country of his birth, Mr. Nordstrum finds his pleas-

ure in associating with others of his nationality, being a member of the Norden Club, and of the Swedish Brotherhood. He is also connected with the Order of Eagles, and with the local lodge, No. 248, Knights of Pythias. He and his family are members of the Presbyterian church.

In 1893 Frank Gustave Nordstrum married May Frances Bacon, a resident of Wellsboro, who died in April, 1916. Of this marriage two children were born: 1. Frances Albertine, who married Raymond Bates Bush, of Kennedy, N. Y., a chemist, at present connected with the Nestle Food Company of New York City; Mr. Bush is a graduate of Cornell University. 2. Chester, now a student in the medical school of the University of Buffalo. Mr. Nordstrum enjoys the respect and confidence of his fellow-townsmen, and he is devoted to the interests of Jamestown and its inhabitants.

**SAMUEL P. KIDDER**—Upon the farm which he now owns in the town of Kiantone, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Samuel P. Kidder was born, April 18, 1868. Upon the same farm, which was then included in the town of Carroll, his father, Samuel (2) Kidder, was born Oct. 12, 1825, and in 1816 his grandfather, Ezbai Kidder, first settled on the same farm, one hundred five years having since elapsed, and during those years the farm has not been out of the possession of the family. The farm was originally 300 acres in extent, bought from the Holland Land Company. The Kidders were originally from Dudley, Mass., and there Samuel (1) Kidder was born. Later he moved to the State of Vermont, where he engaged in farming until his death in January, 1805. He married Zilpah Bacon, and they were the parents of four sons and three daughters. One of these sons, Ezbai Kidder, was the founder of the branch of the family of which Samuel P. Kidder is representative.

Ezbai Kidder was born in Dudley, Mass., in 1787, and died at his farm in Kiantone, Chautauqua county, N. Y., in 1879, a nonagenarian. In early childhood he was taken by his parents to their new home in Wardsboro, Vt., and there he spent the years until 1813, coming to Chautauqua county in that year. He did not remain, however, but returned to Vermont, coming again to Chautauqua county in 1816, and settling on the farm in Carroll, now Kiantone, upon which his grandson, Samuel P. Kidder, resides. He was a carpenter by trade, and in addition to clearing, cultivating and improving his own acres he did a great deal of carpenter work in Kiantone and Carroll, erecting many of the frame houses and barns in his section. At the first town meeting held in Carroll, March 6, 1826, he was elected commissioner of highways. In 1838 he was supervisor of Carroll, and when Kiantone was set off he was elected supervisor of that town at the first election held Feb. 21, 1854. He was a member of the Congregational church at Jamestown, and in politics a Whig, later a Republican. Ezbai Kidder married, in 1824, Louisa Sherman, who died Nov. 14, 1867, daughter of Noah and Laura (Hubbard) Sherman, her father born in Wardsboro, Vt., her mother in Brimfield, Mass. The children of Noah and Laura Sherman all came in after years to the "Holland Purchase." Ezbai and Louisa (Sherman) Kidder were the parents of a son Samuel, of further mention, and three daughters.



Samuel (2) Kidder was born at the Kidder homestead, then in the town of Carroll, Oct. 12, 1825, and died there, Oct. 18, 1898. He was his father's helper from youth, and in the winter months attended the district school. Later he was a pupil at Jamestown Academy, and devoted himself to additional reading and self-improvement, becoming a well-informed man. He was the owner of a farm left to him by his father, which is well adapted to general and dairy farming. He was also the owner of considerable land in Jamestown. He was originally a Whig in politics, but later became a Democrat. He served the town of Kiantone three terms as assessor and three terms as supervisor, 1886-87 and 1890. His father, Ezbai Kidder, was the first supervisor of the town, and his son, George C. Kidder, held the same office, 1910-17, eight terms. Samuel Kidder was a member of the Jamestown Congregational Church. He married, Oct. 17, 1854, Elnora Partridge, daughter of Joel Partridge, of Jamestown. Samuel and Elnora (Partridge) Kidder were the parents of ten children: 1. Ida, married W. C. Parker. 2. Willard, a farmer of Kiantone, married Anna Miller. 3. J. Edward, died aged eighteen years. 4. Henry E., married Grace Sherrod, and removed to Knoxville, Tenn. 5. George C., a farmer of Kiantone, married Lillian Van Duzee. 6. Dora. 7. Samuel P., of further mention. 8. Mary L. 9. Fanny E. 10. Jay H.

Samuel P. Kidder, son of Samuel and Elnora (Partridge) Kidder, was born at the homestead in Kiantone, Chautauqua county, N. Y., April 18, 1868, and yet resides upon the old farm. He was educated in the public schools, finishing at Jamestown High School, and when school days were over he became his father's farm assistant. He later took the burden of management upon his shoulders and now owns the old farm. He conducts general farming in connection with dairy farming, and is one of the prosperous and substantial men of his town. He is a member of the Patrons of Husbandry, and of the Congregational church. In politics he is a Democrat.

Mr. Kidder married, in Bradford, Pa., Oct. 25, 1894, Flora Wyman, born in the town of Carroll, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Oct. 25, 1873, daughter of Frank and Kate (Van Arsdale) Wyman. Mr. and Mrs. Kidder are the parents of six children: 1. Ruth M., born March 22, 1896. 2. Ralph W., born Dec. 26, 1897. 3. M. Elnora, born Jan. 9, 1900. 4. Samuel F., born Aug. 5, 1909. 5. Elliot H., born April 29, 1913. 6. Eunice L., born Sept. 18, 1916.

**JAMES E. HANSON**—The old proverb tells us that "a rolling stone gathers no moss;" in many cases this is true, but there are exceptions to every rule, and one of these is James E. Hanson. Before settling himself in business, Mr. Hanson was interested in many different occupations, almost always in the line of electrical appliances, in various parts of the country, in each case gaining fresh experiences which in the aggregate made up a complete knowledge of the business which he finally made his life work, that of general electrical work.

While the Hanson family was really of English birth, the parents of James E. Hanson came to this continent in 1878, and lived for a time in Canada, eventually going to Rhode Island. At the present time James Hanson, father of James E. Hanson, is living in Youngstown, Ohio. The son, James E. Hanson, was born in England,

March 15, 1875, and was three years old when he arrived in Canada. While very young he attended the schools in the town where the family lived, but later, when they went to Rhode Island, the boy obtained employment in a cotton mill and worked there for some time. In 1888, James Hanson, the father, went to live in Jamestown, N. Y., and the son again attended school for a short period, this time at the Central Branch School of Jamestown. This was followed by employment in the Broadhead Worsted Mills, he remaining there for a few months, and then working at various odd employments until finally he became much interested in electricity. In 1892, when seventeen years old, young Hanson went to Saratoga Springs, N. Y., and entered the employ of the Union Electric Railway, going later to Troy with the Gilbert Car Works. Following this he obtained a position with the New York Central Railroad in the lighting and power department, gaining considerable practical experience thereby. Later Mr. Hanson went to Washington, D. C., and while there was in the employ of the Glen Echo Electric Railway Company for a short time. When he returned to Jamestown, N. Y., in 1895, he was employed by J. C. Stearns & Company, contractors of Buffalo, who had the contract for building St. Luke's Protestant Episcopal Church. When this was finished the young man went to Falconer, N. Y., with the American Manufacturing Company in their shipping department. This not being in his line of work, he only remained there a short time, when he returned to electrical work, this time with Sooliday & Miner, they having the contract to wire the city hall. After the conclusion of this job, he worked for his father who was superintendent of the municipal lighting plant, the son continuing in the commercial department for two years. Again the desire for a change sent the young man to Chicago to enter the service of Richards & Meecham, electrical contractors, where he gained still further experience in his chosen pursuit.

It was in the latter part of 1897 that he returned to Jamestown and formed a partnership with M. W. Vaughan, as Hanson & Vaughan, on East Second street, in a short time taking Mr. Vaughan's brother into the business, the name being changed to Hanson & Vaughan Brothers. Near the end of the first year, Mr. Hanson withdrew from the firm to do electrical work for the Gokey Electric Light Plant on several buildings then in course of construction, among them being the Burnham Brothers' building, the Sherman House (since destroyed by fire), the Jamestown Brewery, and the residence of Samuel Briggs. After the completion of these contracts, Mr. Hanson went into partnership with David Maloney, the firm being Maloney & Hanson, this continuing for three and a half years, then Mr. Maloney severed his connection with the firm to enter the Home Telephone Company and Mr. Hanson continued the business alone for two years. Then E. P. Barley joined with him, the partnership being known as the Hanson Electric Company, electrical contractors and suppliers for the wholesale and retail trade. This continued for a year. Then Mr. Hanson carried on the business for several years, until 1913, when Edwin W. Shier became his partner, continuing for three years, since which time Mr. Hanson has conducted the affairs of the Hanson Electric Company at No. 30 Main street. Mr. Hanson began at the very bottom of







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his line of work, learning every detail in every form of labor, and may now be considered a past master of electrical construction. Mr. Hanson is much interested in public affairs in Jamestown, being an active worker in the Chamber of Commerce; he is a member of the local lodge of Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and of the beneficial order of Knights of Pythias. At one time he was a member of the Fire Department of Jamestown.

In Randolph, N. Y., Sept. 1, 1903, Mr. Hanson married Anna B. Murray. They have three children: James E., now at school; Paul M., at school; William J. Mr. Hanson is regarded among his associates as a "hustler" in business, and as a man who thoroughly understands the work he has in hand.

**ALTON DELISLE JOBES, D. C.**—At the time Dr. Jobes took his degree at the Universal Chiropractic College, that institution was located in Davenport, Iowa, but it now has become an incorporated body of the State of Pennsylvania, and is located at No. 1940 Fifth avenue, Pittsburgh. This school of drugless therapy attracted his interest, and since 1915 he has been its successful advocate in Fredonia, his present seat of practice. Mrs. Jobes is also a practitioner of the drugless methods in association with her husband.

Alton D. Jobes, son of William and Caroline (Ayling) Jobes, was born near the village of North East, Erie county, Pa., Aug. 14, 1859. His father was a farmer of that section at the time of the birth of his son, but soon after moved to Lottsville, Pa., where he lived until the time of his death, which occurred in the summer of 1865.

Alton D. Jobes attended the public schools in Lottsville, also the South Lancaster Academy, in South Lancaster, Mass. During his youth and manhood, he was variously employed, farming, lumbering, etc., and later on was engaged as a jeweler, doing watch, clock, and jewelry repairing in Conneautville, Pa., but finally entered the Universal Chiropractic College of Davenport, Iowa, whence he was graduated Doctor of Chiropractic. He located in Fredonia in 1915, and is there well established in practice. He is a member of the Seventh Day Adventist church, and in politics is a Prohibitionist.

Dr. Jobes married, Dec. 30, 1885, Hattie V. Johnson, of Fredonia. They are the parents of two children: 1. Lottie Evelyn (Jobes) Kaelin, of Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.; was educated in the schools of Michigan, and Mount Vernon Academy, Mount Vernon, Ohio, also a graduate of the Jamestown Business College. Mrs. Kaelin and her husband hold lucrative positions in the Review & Herald Publishing Company, at Takoma Park, Washington, D. C. 2. Vernon LeRoy Jobes, who was educated in the public schools of Pennsylvania, and Cedar Lake Academy, Cedar Lake, Mich.; married Mary Knapp, of Corydon, Pa., and has two children: Theodore, and Ariel; he is an expert machinist in garage work, and is located in East Randolph, N. Y.

**JOHN W. WITHERS**, who comes of a worthy British family, and has for so many years lived in Chautauqua county, N. Y., in the Kiantone township of which he has a well-improved farm, is a citizen of high moral character and commendable traits in general, and

is highly regarded in that section of the county. He was born Jan. 29, 1869, in England, the son of James and Sarah (Watson) Withers, the former at one time a miller, but later a farmer, having in his later life followed his natural inclination for agricultural pursuits.

John W. Withers was educated in Appleby, England, and with his parents came to this country in 1882. They at first settled in Busti, but eventually John W. Withers acquired a farm in Kiantone township, and there he has lived for thirty years, during which time he has manifested a comprehensive understanding of farming and a marked interest in community affairs. He is a man of upright character, and has definite and fixed convictions upon many subjects, regarding which there has been much elasticity of opinion among less conscientious men. He has endeavored to live in strict accordance with his reading of the Bible, and his general understanding of right and wrong, good and bad. He is an ardent churchman, a member of the local Presbyterian church; in politics he is a resolute, outspoken Prohibitionist. Fraternally he belongs to the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

During the war, he was intensely interested in the progress of national affairs, in fact, as a man of British birth, he was interested in the struggle long before this country entered into it, and he showed by his actions that he was whole-heartedly patriotic. He subscribed as much as he was able to the war funds, both to the loans and to other funds which were for the purposes of the nation in some phase of its war aims. As a loyal farmer, he sought, to the limit of his ingenuity and energy, to cooperate with the Department of Agriculture in a national endeavor to bring into profitable bearing every acre of agricultural land that was possible, and thus, by increasing production and preventing waste, be able to send to the impoverished allies of the nation foodstuffs that they stood sorely in need of. The result of that national effort by patriotic American farmers is of course well known in the aggregate, and it has its proper place of honor in the national historical records of the war period, and it is generally well known to what an appreciable extent the sending of foodstuffs by this country to Europe affected the prospects of the combatants. But a proper recording of the individual effort of every American farmer has not been possible in the comprehensive national records, and must be left to compilation of local history such as this. Mr. Withers, as an earnest man of English birth, probably felt the awfulness of the calamity which had befallen his homeland long before this nation was drawn into the struggle, and probably felt his own helplessness even more keenly, so that when the opportunity did come to aid in the good cause it must have been a relief to him, and it is but proper that record should be made of his share in the combined effort of nations, not only armies, to hold back and finally defeat the domineering aims of a cruel and unrighteous autocracy which sought to hold sway over all the nations of the earth.

John W. Withers married, July 12, 1894, Jennie B. Osborn, the marriage ceremony taking place in Busti, Chautauqua county, N. Y. Mrs. Jennie B. (Osborn) Withers was born in Warren county, N. Y., and was a daughter of George F. and Roxana (Stultz) Osborn, her father being of English birth, and her mother of Dutch. Her father was a veteran of the American Civil War,

and belonged to a regimental unit which was sent in 1864 to the Federal capital at Washington, D. C., to garrison it at a critical period, and there he was honorably discharged at the termination of hostilities. Mr. and Mrs. Withers are the parents of one child, a daughter, Annie, born Dec. 12, 1907.

**PARK L. STARR** is a prominent and well known farmer of the town of Gerry, where he was born and has spent most of his active life. He comes from the pioneer stock of Western New York, known for its activity and rugged energy. His father and mother were both born in the town, and both were descendants of the earliest settlers, when Gerry was known as Little Vermont, a designation that honored the State from which many of the early settlers came. Mr. Starr has taken an active interest in the affairs of his town and county ever since attaining his majority, and has successfully filled the offices of assessor and of town and county supervisor, being repeatedly elected to these positions by the votes of his fellow-townsmen and women. His public service, like his private service, has been performed for the good of the community, in a painstaking way that has won for him the confidence and respect of the people of his community.

Park L. Starr was born in the town of Gerry, May 7, 1866, the son of Henry and Mary T. (Fargo) Starr. He spent his boyhood life upon the farm of his father, attending the common schools of his neighborhood and securing the foundations of an education which he has built upon by practical observation, experience and a line of reading that has kept him in touch with the affairs of the day at home and abroad. His father, Henry Starr, served the town of Gerry in the same capacity as the son is now serving, in the office of supervisor, for many years, and until the infirmities of age demanded rest and retirement from public activities.

While engaged in business off the farm, the early training of Park L. Starr enabled him to take hold of the farm and manage and develop it at the death of his father, adding more modern equipment than the old time farmers were accustomed to. During the recent war, Park L. Starr did his full share with the farmers of the State and Nation to meet the requirements placed upon agriculture by the government at Washington, and in the interests of the people of the entire World. He also responded to every call for funds to prosecute the activities of war, and he served as one of the great army of workers behind the men in the trenches wherever opportunity called and health and strength permitted. As a practical farmer, Mr. Starr long ago became identified with the work of the Patrons of Husbandry and is a member of Gerry Grange.

Mr. Starr was united in marriage at East Aurora, Erie county, N. Y., June 10, 1890, to Lillie Rose Monchow, who was born at Marilla, Erie county, N. Y., March 1, 1869, the daughter of Herman Augustus and Melissa Phœbe (Stedman) Monchow. To Mr. and Mrs. Starr has been born one son, Troy Scranton Starr, Sept. 10, 1904, at Marilla, Erie county, N. Y.; he is now a student at Falconer High School.

Park L. Starr represents the type of farmer and business man who is safe and sane in the transaction of his

own business and that of the public: the kind of citizen that is at the foundation of honest Democratic government, dependable in public service or the privacy of his home. His public services have been recognized by his continued election to public office. He is a Republican by inheritance and by inclination, and at every State or National election he has given the best service that he could to the cause of the Republican party and its candidates.

**FRANCIS E. HARRIS**—Although his older brothers, Oscar and Gilbert Harris, came earlier to Chautauqua county, N. Y., Francis E. Harris did not arrive until 1852. He was a son of Jonathan and Lucy (Miller) Harris, and a grandson of John Harris, who served as a private in the Revolutionary army when only a lad of fourteen years. Jonathan and Lucy (Miller) Harris were natives of Vermont, living in Halifax and Bennington, that State, many years before coming to Chautauqua county, N. Y. Jonathan Harris was a carpenter and farmer in Vermont and later in New York. They were the parents of seven children: 1. Oscar, a farmer in later years in Chautauqua county, N. Y., where he died. 2. Gilbert, a soldier of the Union army, killed at the battle of the Wilderness. 3. Francis E., of whom further. 4. Malinda, who is now (1921) one hundred years old; lives at Ripley, N. Y., the widow of Addison Burton. 5. Mandana, deceased, was the wife of Lucius Correll, of Portland, N. Y. 6. Maria, died in young life in Portland, N. Y. 7. Victoria, deceased, was the wife of Joel Stratton, of Spartensburg, Pa. Jonathan Harris married (second) Jane Bruce, of Bennington, Vt., and they became the parents of four children: Jennet, Reuben, Mary and Edwin. These four children were born in Vermont, and in later life resided in various parts of this country and Canada, where their death occurred.

Francis E. Harris was born in Marlboro, Vt., Nov. 29, 1830, died Aug. 12, 1890, at his home in Ellicott, Chautauqua county, N. Y. He obtained few educational advantages in his youth, a fact he deplored all his later life, as at the age of eleven he was hired out to the farmers of his neighborhood by his father and they seemed to have no interest in the motherless lad save to get all the work possible out of him. Later he learned the carpenter's trade, and so rapidly did he advance that at the age of seventeen he was a contractor of building and an employer of men of his trade many years his senior. In 1852, he came to Chautauqua, still single, but four years later married Lydia H. Crandall, and settled down to the life of a farmer. He had brothers and sisters living in Chautauqua county when he came, and it was that fact which influenced his coming. From 1852 until 1856, he was employed as a carpenter and builder, but the life of an agriculturist claimed him after his marriage, his farm being located in the town of Ellicott. He was a man of splendid qualities, sound in judgment, and sought by his neighbors for counsel and advice. Honorable and upright, he was respected and esteemed in life and deeply mourned in death.

Francis E. Harris married, in 1856, Lydia Helen Crandall, born at Kinderhook-on-the-Hudson, Columbia county, N. Y., but when four years of age was brought to Chautauqua county, N. Y., by her parents,





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Stephen and Christiana (Benjamin) Crandall. From Albany the Crandalls, father, mother and nine children, came West to Buffalo by boat on the Erie canal, consuming about two weeks in the journey. Lydia H. (Crandall) Harris was a true helpmeet, devoted to her home and family, and from early life a member of the Baptist church of Brocton, N. Y. She died Oct. 8, 1918, in the village of Falconer, N. Y. Francis E. Harris was a Universalist in his religious faith, and in politics a Republican. Mr. and Mrs. Francis E. Harris were the parents of six children: Cora, Ida, Rollin Arthur, Gilbert D., (see forward); Jennie May, died in early childhood; and Flory Belle. Flory Belle prepared at Jamestown High School, entered Cornell University, then after graduation spent a year in post-graduate study, specializing in Romance languages; she has taught in New York and New Jersey cities, also two years in California, and is now a teacher of Spanish and French in New York City; she is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and of the Unitarian church.

Cora Harris, a graduate of Fredonia State Normal School, taught several years, and is the author of a volume of child stories entitled "Half a Hundred Stories." She is a Daughter of the American Revolution, and a member of the Unitarian church.

Ida Harris married Andrew J. Petersen, in 1892, and died Aug. 15, 1919, leaving two children, Francis and Ruth.

Rollin Arthur Harris, Ph. D., was born in Randolph, N. Y., April 18, 1863. He received his early education in the public schools and high school of Jamestown, N. Y. In 1881, he entered Cornell University, receiving the degree of Ph. B. in 1885. He remained at Cornell, taking up graduate work in mathematics and physics. In 1886-87, he was a fellow in mathematics, and in 1888 he received the degree of Ph. D. From 1889 to 1890, he was a fellow in mathematics at Clark University, Worcester, Mass., where he pursued special studies in mathematics and lectured on mathematical subjects.

Mr. Harris entered the Tidal Division of the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey as computer in 1890, through the United States Civil Service. After becoming familiar with the work, he began the preparation of a publication into which would be gathered the tidal information scattered in various journals and memoirs and in which the methods of tidal reduction and prediction would be coördinated. Dr. Harris threw himself into the work with enthusiasm. Because of his splendid training in mathematics and his ability, he was specially fitted for the work, and the result, as embodied in the "Manual of Tides," which appeared in six parts in various reports of the superintendent of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, between the years 1884 and 1907, has placed our country well at the front in that branch of scientific enquiry. Taken as a whole the "Manual of Tides" is a monumental work of some 1,200 quarto pages of text and plate containing a large amount of original contributions in a field cultivated by the most brilliant mathematicians.

The "Manual of Tides" has received the recognition it merited from scientists the world over, the eminent French mathematician, Henri Poincaré, in his "Mécanique Céleste," subjects the various tidal theories to

searching analysis and sums up by saying that "it appears probable that the final theory will have to borrow from that of Harris a notable part of its essential features." Dr. Harris published a number of articles in "Science" and other scientific journals on mathematical and tidal subjects. Mention should also be made of "Arctic Tides," a monograph published by the Coast and Geodetic Survey in 1911, which is a classic of its kind.

Personally, Dr. Harris was a man of modest bearing, somewhat reticent, but possessed of a pleasing sense of humor. He was an indefatigable worker with a high conception of the obligations of the scientist. He was a member of scientific societies, both local and national. His loss will be felt by his friends and colleagues of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, and by the many scientific men, engineers and explorers in many parts of the world, who brought their problems to him and received the benefit of his wide knowledge in a peculiarly abstruse branch of science. He died Jan. 20, 1918, of heart disease, death coming suddenly. He married Emily Doty, of Ellicott, Chautauqua county, N. Y.

Gilbert Dennison Harris was born at Jamestown, Oct. 2, 1864. He there graduated from high school, in 1882, going thence to Cornell University, whence he was graduated Ph. B., class of 1886. He was connected as assistant with the Arkansas Geological Survey, 1887-88; United States Geological Survey, 1889-92; Texas Geological Survey, 1892-93; and during 1894 was engaged in geological research in England and Northern France. He was assistant professor of paleontology and stratigraphic geology at Cornell University in 1894-1909; professor of the same since 1909; director of the Louisiana State Geological Survey, 1899-1909; editor and proprietor of bulletins of "American Paleontology," Vols. 1 to 6; editor and proprietor of "Palaeontographica Americana," Vol. 1; special geologist to the Louisiana Sulphur Company, 1917; geologist to various salt and oil companies, 1909; paleontologist to Pearson's Oil Company, of Trinidad, 1919; and is yet a professor at Cornell. He has specially investigated for economic purposes the oil, sulphur and salt fields, and scientifically investigated the geology and paleontology of the tertiary formations of the Southern States and Central America. He is a member of de la Société Géologique de France since 1895; life fellow of the Geological Society of America since 1899; member of Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi. In politics he is a Republican, and in his religious views liberal.

Mr. Harris married, Dec. 30, 1890, Clara Stoneman, and they are the parents of: Rebecca, graduate of Cornell, 1913, A. B., Phi Beta Kappa and other university honors.

**JEREMIAH J. SULLIVAN, M. D.**—More than thirty years of active practice have so firmly entrenched Dr. Sullivan in the confidence and affection of his fellow-citizens of Dunkirk and of many far beyond the limits of his home town that the appearance of his name will be instantly greeted with admiring and cordial recognition. Distinguished in his profession, Dr. Sullivan is also highly esteemed as a citizen, ranking among the foremost in his community.

Jeremiah J. Sullivan was born Dec. 1, 1862, in Byron, Genesee county, N. Y., a son of Michael and Julia

(Cashman) Sullivan, the former a small farmer who worked for the railway. Jeremiah J. Sullivan attended the public schools of his birthplace, passing thence to the high school of Akron, N. Y., and then entering the medical department of the University of Buffalo. In 1887, he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine, having served during his last year as interne in the Erie County (N. Y.) Hospital. Immediately after graduation, Dr. Sullivan began practice in Dunkirk, where he has ever since been continuously engaged in the general work of his profession and in surgery. He is medical examiner for the New York Life and Metropolitan Life Insurance companies. Among the professional organizations in which he is enrolled are the American Medical Association, the New York State Medical Association, the Dunkirk-Fredonia Medical Association, and the Chautauqua County Medical Society. At the time of its foundation and for a number of years after, he was a member of the staff of Brooks Hospital. He has been for thirty years house physician to St. Mary's and Holy Cross colleges, both of Dunkirk. In public affairs, Dr. Sullivan has never actively mingled, though always taking a helpful interest in all that he deems vital to the welfare and progress of his home town. He belongs to the Knights of Columbus, and is a member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

Dr. Sullivan married, Sept. 6, 1892, Margaret Sheehe, daughter of Timothy and Ann (Conway) Sheehe, of Dunkirk, and they became the parents of one child, Roma J., who died in infancy.

The professional record of Dr. Sullivan is incorporated with honor in the annals of medicine, and his name is written on the grateful hearts of the many to whom he has carried health and healing.

**ADAM PERCY CHESSMAN**, banker and prominent man of affairs of Fredonia, N. Y., was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., Sept. 4, 1867, a son of Harry and Mary E. (Hersperger) Chessman. Harry Chessman was born in Brighton, England, in 1842, and when eight years old accompanied his parents to the United States, they locating in Pittsburgh, Pa. He was connected with the United States Pension Department practically all the active years of his life. He was a Democrat in politics, an Episcopalian in religious belief, and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which organization he held local offices. His death occurred in the year 1890.

Adam Percy Chessman attended the public schools of his native city, and at the age of sixteen, having completed his studies, he accepted a position with the Pennsylvania Railroad, in the general car accountants division, and remained so employed until 1891. He was promoted to the position of assistant to the chief of this division, but was compelled to retire on account of ill health. In 1892, Mr. Chessman, in order to recuperate, removed to Chautauqua county, N. Y., and shortly afterward accepted a position with the Chautauqua Lake Mills, where he was employed until 1895. His next position was with the State Bank, Mayville, N. Y., and he served in the capacity of clerk until 1897, in which year he organized the firm of Scofield, Cipperly & Chessman, private bankers in Sinclairville, N. Y. In 1899, he organized the Sinclairville Canning Company,

and in 1902 consolidated with the Fredonia Preserving Company and moved to Fredonia, N. Y. In 1906, he organized the National Bank of Fredonia, filling the offices of director and cashier from that time to 1920, when he was elected president, which office he still holds. Mr. Chessman is, without doubt, one of the foremost figures in the banking circles of Fredonia, and his opinion is very often solicited on banking questions of the most delicate nature. He is a man of keen business foresight in all financial matters, and his personality is a stimulant in all banking matters with which he is identified. Mr. Chessman also takes a prominent part in the political life of the region, being a staunch Democrat in politics. He has served as president of the Chamber of Commerce, treasurer of the village. He is prominent in Masonic circles, having attained the Knights Templar degree, and is a member of the Citizens' Club of Fredonia. In religious belief he is a Methodist, but with his wife attends the Episcopal church.

Adam Percy Chessman married, at Mayville, N. Y., Sept. 11, 1895, M. Gertrude Bond, a native of Mayville, a daughter of Orlando Bond, a highly respected citizen of Mayville.

**MOSES SMITH STEVENS**—There is no characteristic element of our national development of which we have more just reason to be proud than the fact that in this country advancement can be secured through capability, merit, and labor, unhampered by cast or class, and that the majority of our strongest and best citizens are self-made men. Such a one was Moses Smith Stevens, who was a well known agriculturist of Charlotte township.

The Stevens family are of New England descent, and there were many pioneers bearing this name identified with the earliest settlement of Maine, Massachusetts, and Vermont, and their descendants are widely scattered and have borne no inconsiderable part in the development of this nation. John Stevens, of Newbury and Andover, Mass., left three sons: Sergeant John Stevens, of Vermont, born in 1611, who left three sons; Deacon Stevens, of Amesbury, Mass., who was a sawyer and husbandman, and a prominent citizen of the town, and who left three sons; another, John Stevens, of Amesbury, Mass., who left two sons. It is very probable that the subject of this review is a descendant of John Stevens, of Vermont.

David Stevens, father of Moses S. Stevens, was born in Lee township, Essex county, Vt. Here he grew to manhood, incidentally learning the trade of masonry. While still a young man he came to Chautauqua county and located in Chautauqua township, where he again followed his chosen occupation of masonry. Mr. Stevens soon purchased a tract of land, about forty acres, which he operated in his spare time. In 1880 he retired from active life and spent his last days with his daughter, Mrs. Burns, of Delaware county, N. Y. He died at the age of eighty-five years, and is buried in the Walton Cemetery, in Delaware county, N. Y.

Mr. Stevens married (first) Polly Ward, of Mayville, N. Y., and they were the parents of five children: Moses Smith, of whom further; Loren, who died in Sinclairville; Lyscomb, who died in Bradford, Pa.;





Everett H. Pease



Thirza, who married (first) John Woodworth, (second) Horatio Burns; James, who died in Chautauqua township. Mr. Stevens married (second) Mary Hitchcock.

Moses Smith Stevens, son of David and Polly (Ward) Stevens, was born in Chautauqua township, Sept. 23, 1828, and died Aug. 28, 1920. He received his early education in the district schools of Chautauqua township, and after completing his course of study took up the trade of masonry. He followed his trade, in partnership with his father, for some time, making his home in Sinclairville, but later moved to Charlotte Center, where he went in business for himself. He lived here for some years, and in 1860 located on the Straight Farm, a tract of forty-five acres of land, on section 24, in Charlotte township, which he purchased.

When the Civil War was at its height, Mr. Stevens, seeing that his nation needed his services, enlisted in the Union army, Aug. 27, 1862, in Company F, 154th New York Volunteer Infantry, under Colonel Rice and Captain Donnelly. Mr. Stevens participated in several battles, among which was the battle of Chancellorsville, where he received a wound in the right shoulder, making him unfit for further active war service. They sent him to a hospital in the South, where he remained for about a year, and on July 4, 1865, at Trenton, N. J., Mr. Stevens was mustered out of the army with an honorable discharge, and also honorable mention for bravery under fire.

In politics Mr. Stevens was a Whig until the organization of the Democratic party, and after that was always a staunch supporter of that party and its principles. Fraternally Mr. Stevens was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

On Dec. 10, 1851, Mr. Stevens was united in marriage with Mary Lavina Hoisington, who was born in Arkwright township, Chautauqua county, N. Y., June 10, 1830, a daughter of the late Daniel and Mary Hoisington. Mrs. Stevens died May 5, 1904, and is buried in the Arkwright Cemetery, at Arkwright, N. Y. To this union were born six children: Gilbert; Milton E., whose biography follows, and the only living member of the family; Ida, late wife of Lamont Bradford, of Fredonia, N. Y.; Addison Alonzo; Moses S., Jr.; and Ella May.

There was much in the life of Mr. Stevens that commanded the highest commendation and awakened unqualified respect. In his business he manifested the typical spirit of the East, putting forth every effort in his power to accomplish what he had undertaken. In matters of citizenship he was always loyal, and his fidelity to the duties of home and friendship is unquestioned. His integrity stands as an indisputable fact in his career, and as one of the leading citizens of Charlotte township who has passed on, he well deserves mention in this work.

**MILTON EMERY STEVENS**—One of the most prosperous and successful farmers of Charlotte township is the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch. He owns and operates a fine farm of about 130 acres on section 24, and is quite extensively engaged in general farming. A man of good business and executive ability, as well as a practical and progressive agri-

culturist, he has met with gratifying results in his work, and ranks to-day among the substantial men of his community.

Milton Emery Stevens was born April 19, 1855, at Sinclairville, N. Y., a son of Moses Smith and Mary L. (Hoisington) Stevens (q. v.). He received his early education in the district school of Charlotte township, and completed his studies with a course at the Fredonia Normal School. Immediately after finishing school, he accepted a position as teacher in the district schools in Charlotte township, continuing in this occupation for nearly twenty years. Incidentally he took up the masonry trade and continued in this for many years. Many of the cement bridges and culverts in and about Charlotte township were finished by Mr. Stevens under the supervision of the late Charles A. Willson, who was then road commissioner of Charlotte township. However, when Mr. Stevens' father retired in 1904, he took over the management of his father's farm, and has continued in this occupation ever since.

Politically, Mr. Stevens is a staunch Republican, having voted with that party since casting his first vote for President in November, 1876. Mr. Stevens is a member of the United Brethren church, and is prominent in all his business as well as social affairs.

On Oct. 18, 1881, Mr. Stevens was united in marriage with Nellie Hilton, who was born April 29, 1863, in Charlotte township, a daughter of William and Fidelia (Straight) Hilton. Mrs. Stevens died Dec. 5, 1915. To this union was born one child, Lula May, born in Charlotte, and who is now married to George T. Chase, a prominent agriculturist of Chautauqua county.

The following obituary was written by a dear friend at the time of the passing away of Mrs. Stevens:

**MRS. NELLIE (HILTON) STEVENS,  
LIFELONG RESIDENT OF THE TOWN OF  
CHARLOTTE.**

This community was stricken with grief Sunday evening when Mrs. Stevens died at her home here. All that loving hands could do was done, but in vain. The end came at six o'clock. Mrs. Stevens was the daughter of William and Fidelia Hilton, and was born in Charlotte. She was fifty-two years of age and was married to Milton E. Stevens, Oct. 18, 1881, and to them one daughter was born. Her whole life was spent in her home town, and the whole community feel that they have lost a woman who can not be replaced in years to come. Her willing hands were always ready to help others in sickness and trouble. Besides the husband, one daughter, three grandchildren and one brother, Thomas Hilton, survive, also an aged father-in-law to whom she gave most devoted care. Funeral Wednesday at the home, Rev. Esther Limberg officiating. Burial at Charlotte Center Cemetery.

Mr. Stevens is a man of cordial, genial manner, and unflinching courtesy, and, like his father, is most generous, giving liberally to charities and to others less fortunate than himself. Many a man in distress has found in him a friend, and because of his many sterling characteristics he has gained a host of warm friends who are found in all parts of Chautauqua county.

**EVERETT H. PEASE**—Now (1921), road commissioner and town superintendent, Mr. Pease resides in the village of Cherry Creek, Chautauqua county, N. Y., but he has always been interested in agriculture and owns a good farm in the town of Cherry Creek. He is a son of Hiram G. and Sarah A. (Luce) Pease, his father born in Erie county, N. Y., his mother of an

old and important family of the town of Charlotte, Chautauqua county, N. Y.

Everett H. Pease was born in the town of Cherry Creek, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Feb. 19, 1867. He was educated in the public schools, finishing in Sinclairville High School. In addition to his farming operations, Mr. Pease has devoted considerable time to the public service of his town and village, serving as trustee, member of the Board of Education, town road commissioner, and in other offices. He is a member of the Patrons of Husbandry, the Masonic order, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Baptist church, and in politics is a Republican.

Mr. Pease married, Dec. 26, 1888, at Cherry Creek, Eva E. Walker, born Nov. 3, 1867, in the town of Sanborn, Niagara county, N. Y., daughter of Ira N. and Mary E. (Hill) Walker, her father born in the town of Wilson, Niagara county, N. Y., her mother born in Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Pease are the parents of three children: 1. Rennie S., born Oct. 19, 1890, married Merle Dye, and has a daughter, Meriam M., born April 26, 1913. 2. Earl E., born May 21, 1892, married Delphine Benson, and has a daughter, Helen, born Nov. 9, 1917. 3. Marjorie, born March 19, 1907, who is now attending high school. Mr. Pease has a farm of 120 acres at Thornton, but makes his home in the village of Cherry Creek, and here he has a tract of eleven acres with attractive residence and grounds.

**REV. MICHAEL FRANCIS HELMINIAK**—There is no figure better known or more beloved in Dunkirk, Chautauqua county, N. Y., than that of the Rev. Father Michael Francis Helminiak, pastor of the Church of St. Hyacinth's at this place, and a man whose influence has long been felt towards bettering the condition of the members of the community here.

Father Helminiak was born at Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 29, 1882. He began his education in the parochial schools of that city. He then entered Canisius College, Buffalo, where he took two years in the collegiate department. In the meantime the young man had felt very strongly the call to the priesthood, and determining to enter upon that high ministry became a student at St. Bernard's Seminary at Rochester, where he carried on his theological studies in preparation for his ordination. He was ordained to the priesthood at Buffalo, in the year 1907, by Bishop Colton, of the Diocese of Buffalo, and was at once appointed assistant at the Church of The Assumption at Black Rock, N. Y., where he remained for two years. He was then appointed pastor of the Church of St. Stanislaus Kostka at Rochester, where he remained a year. He was next placed in charge of the Church of St. John Kantius at Buffalo, and then of the Church of the Sacred Heart at Medina, N. Y. From there Father Helminiak was sent to Depew, N. Y., where he was made pastor of the church of SS. Peter and Paul. On Feb. 12, 1916, Father Helminiak was appointed to his present charge of the Polish Church of St. Hyacinth's at Dunkirk, since which time he has done much for the development and improvement of the parish and has made himself greatly respected and beloved, not only by his immediate congregation, but by the community-at-large, as a man of pious and earnest life, and one who takes the

deepest interest in the welfare of his flock. At the present time he has as assistants in his parochial duties the Rev. Father John Melinski and Rev. M. Klukaczewski. Father Helminiak is associated with a number of religious organizations here, and is now a member of the Knights of Columbus, of the fourth degree, and has served that organization as chaplain, besides being the head of the societies for men and women in connection with the Polish church here. One of the most important works of Father Helminiak in connection with his activities of St. Hyacinth's parish is the development of the fine parochial school which includes eight grades and in which are carried on the most modern and up-to-date methods of teaching in both the English and Polish languages.

**HARRY SPURR**, who was the efficient and energetic superintendent of the Ferncliff Worsted Mills at Falconer, N. Y., came to Jamestown in 1914, made many friends in the city, and was well regarded by business men with whom he came in contact.

He was born in Bradford, England, Dec. 11, 1871. He attended the public schools of his native town from the age of four until he had reached about twelve years, at which time it was then legally permissible to go to work in England. He divided his days between school and work, attending school in the morning, and going to the mill in the afternoon. When his academic schooling ended, he was able to work full time and eventually became an expert operator, of practical experience in all departments of worsted and spinning mills. He received advancement to the responsibility of overseer some years before he left England. He came to America in 1905, landing in Boston, Mass., going to Lawrence, Mass., where for a while he was connected with the American Woolen Mills. Later, he was overseer in the George C. Moore mill at North Chelmsford, Mass., and there remained for eighteen months, after which he held a like capacity in the Star Worsted Mills at Fitchburg, Mass., eventually being promoted and placed in charge of No. 2 Mill of the same place. As assistant superintendent of the plant, he remained in Fitchburg for eight years, and then spent three months in Canada, as superintendent of the Guelph Worsted Spinning Company's plant. In 1914, he came to Jamestown, N. Y., as assistant superintendent of the Odsonia Worsted Mills, owned by the Cleveland Worsted Mills Company, of Cleveland, Ohio. In 1917, he was appointed superintendent of the Ferncliff Worsted Mills, Falconer, N. Y., which plant is also owned by the same Cleveland corporation, and there he remained until his death, July 19, 1920.

Special reference is made in the following sketch regarding the Ferncliff plant, but it may be stated here that when Mr. Spurr was made superintendent, work went forward and much success was made under his management. He had the ability to get production without driving, and was universally popular among the operatives. His death came as a sad loss to his people and friends in and out of the worsted industry.

In functions of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Mr. Spurr had honored place. He was a member of Manchester Unity, having passed through all the chairs, and was past grand master of the Sons of St.



George, affiliated with the Shakespeare Lodge of Fitchburg, Mass., of which he was its past president. When a young man, in England, he was much interested in military affairs: he served in the volunteer forces, which are about equivalent to the National Guard forces of this country, and rose to the rank of gun sergeant, serving three years in infantry units, and six years with an artillery battery.

Mr. Spurr married (first) in 1895, at Bradford, England, Amy Walker, who died in Aberdeen, Scotland, in 1903, without issue. He married (second) at Lawrence, Mass., in 1906, Edith Warrener, of Bradford, England. Children: Harry, Jr., born March 30, 1911, and Edith, born Feb. 21, 1912, both born in Fitchburg, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. Spurr and family attended the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Falconer. Mr. Spurr was a man of strong character and served in the high order of life. He was dutiful in his spiritual, moral and material life, and was a man well thought of by his neighbors and fellow-workers. He lived in Falconer but a few years, but sufficient to become established in the confidence of his townspeople, and his death was a loss to all who knew him.

**THE FERNCLIFF WORSTED MILLS**, at Falconer, N. Y., is now a branch of the Cleveland Worsted Mills Company, having been acquired by that corporation in May, 1914, but formerly it was operated by local capital, being organized in 1900 by local men. As now equipped, the plant is a modern one, with full installation of machines best adapted to the lines in which it specializes. The products are worsted yarns and cloths, and the manufacture of serges. Embraced in the equipment are three sets of worsted drawing, 4840 spinning spindles, 2132 twisting spindles, and 44 looms. There is a steam plant of 335 horse power, with three boilers; and in addition the plant uses a large amount of electric power from the Jamestown Lighting and Power Company. The mills find employment for 175 people. The plant was efficiently managed by Harry Spurr until his death, July 19, 1920, and since that time by Henry Foster.

**FRED SAMUEL STOW**—The Stows are all doubtless descendants of that thrifty old Puritan, John Stow, who came to Boston, Mass., from Maidstone, County Kent, England, in 1684, with his wife, Elizabeth, two daughters, and four sons, two of whom, Samuel and Thomas, settled in Middletown, Conn.; Nathaniel in Concord, Mass., and John in Malden, Mass.

The line herein followed is traced through Samuel Stow, son of John Stow, the emigrant.

John (2) Stow, son of Samuel Stow, married Elizabeth Brigham.

Manassah Stow, son of John (2) and Elizabeth (Brigham) Stow, was born in 1731. He married Dinah Morse, in Marlboro, Mass., and they were the parents of eleven children.

John (3) Stow, son of Manassah and Dinah (Morse) Stow, was born in Southboro, Mass., in 1763. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, enlisting when only seventeen years old, as shown by the records in the Revolutionary War archives of the Commonwealth

of Massachusetts. He married (first) Patty Gibbs, in 1783; she died in Framingham, Mass., in 1790; of the three children born of this union, Manassah Stow, mentioned below, was the only one who attained maturity. John Stow married (second) April 2, 1794, Sarah Healy, and there were nine children of this marriage, all of whom but one, who died in childhood, came to Chautauqua county, N. Y., about 1818, settling in the southern part of the county. The surviving members of the family were as follows: Sarah, the eldest daughter, married, in 1818, in Worcester, Mass., Adolphus Fletcher, the founder of the Jamestown "Journal;" they came to Ashville, Chautauqua county, N. Y., for their wedding journey, making the trip with an ox team. Hannah, the second daughter, married Daniel Carter, and lived in Poland, N. Y. John, married Chloe Giddings, and was the owner of farms in Harmony and Busti, N. Y., the village of Stow being named for him. Nathaniel Healy, married Eliza Partridge, and lived in Ellicott, N. Y. Lois Maria, married Harvey Goldthwait, and also made her home in Ellicott, N. Y. Bayman, married and lived in Ellington, N. Y. Abram, married Susan Putney, and lived with his brother, Elmer, who never married, on a farm in Levant, N. Y. John Stow, the father of these children, died in Busti, N. Y., in 1837, and is buried in Ashville, N. Y., his grave being marked with a Revolutionary War tablet in commemoration of the services he rendered his country in its hour of need.

Manassah (2) Stow, son of John (3) and Patty (Gibbs) Stow, was born Sept. 28, 1788, and died May 22, 1844. He was a printer by trade. In 1810, he went to sea as a common sailor, later becoming captain, navigator and explorer on the north and southwest coasts of America; he kept a journal of all his voyages, which at the present time is in a good state of preservation. He married, Nov. 19, 1817, Militiah Thayer, and they were the parents of eight children.

Samuel (2) Stow, son of Manassah (2) and Militiah (Thayer) Stow, was born in Orange, Mass., Feb. 11, 1832. He was reared and educated there, and subsequently moved to Chautauqua county, N. Y., taking up his residence in the city of Jamestown. He possessed the same spirit of adventure as his father, and was one of the many daring men who braved all danger in making the overland trip for gold to California in 1849. After returning to Jamestown, N. Y., he engaged in business, then in farming. He married, May 22, 1854, in South Williamstown, Mass., Emily Dickinson, born in South Williamstown, Mass., Oct. 22, 1832, and they were the parents of five children: William Dickinson, born April 16, 1855; Elizabeth Worthington, born Nov. 28, 1856, died Aug. 8, 1881; Fred Samuel, mentioned below; Mary Emily, born Dec. 18, 1863; and George Edward, born Feb. 2, 1868, died Aug. 15, 1892.

Fred Samuel Stow, second son of Samuel (2) and Emily (Dickinson) Stow, was born in Jamestown, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Oct. 31, 1860. He was educated in the public schools of that city. He has devoted his life to agricultural pursuits, and is the owner of a good farm in the town of Ellicott in that part served by Rural Free Delivery Route No. 76. He is one of the successful farmers of that town. Mr. Stow has never married.

**PETER VALONE**—The real estate interests of Chautauqua county have no more aggressive representative than they possess in this energetic citizen. Despite the fact that Mr. Valone has not yet completed his tenth year as a resident of Jamestown, he has long been recognized as one who endeavors, in all he undertakes, to further the welfare and progress of his community.

Louis Valone, father of Peter Valone, is a native of Italy, and in that country follows the calling of a farmer, being also interested in the grape industry. He married Louise Polena and they became the parents of three sons, one of whom, Peter, is mentioned below, and one daughter. A number of years ago Mr. and Mrs. Valone visited the United States, but returned to their own country, where they are still living.

Peter Valone, son of Louis and Louise (Polena) Valone, was born Sept. 4, 1884, in Palermo, Italy, and on June 10, 1899, came to the United States to visit an uncle in Buffalo, N. Y. His parents had shortly before returned to their home in Italy, but the lad was so well pleased with his new surroundings that he decided to remain in this country. He had attended school in Italy, advancing to the third elementary grade, and after coming to the United States he attended night school, also studying at home. From 1900 to 1906 Mr. Valone was employed in a leather factory at Coudersport, Pa., and he afterward sold life insurance there. His next venture was the opening of a grocery store, but in 1910 he came to Jamestown and there sold insurance for the Standard Insurance Company and the Great Eastern, also serving as sole agent and general agent for Chautauqua, Allegheny and Erie counties, representing the Pacific Coast Casualty Company. After a time he connected himself with real estate interests and is now at the head of a flourishing business, selling and renting houses and farms. His well appointed office rooms are located at No. 118 East Third street, Jamestown, N. Y. In politics Mr. Valone is a Republican, but has neither time nor desire to become a candidate for office. He attends St. James' Italian Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. Valone married, April 17, 1904, at Coudersport, Pa., Minnie, daughter of Samuel and Mary Manuel, and they are the parents of the following children: Louis, Samuel, Louise, Mary, and Aliena.

In addition to his other attainments Mr. Valone holds the office of notary public, having passed an examination in 1915. He is a fine type of the self-made man and is highly esteemed and cordially liked. In his upward progress he has not only become a man of means, but has also won for himself many loyal and warmly attached friends. His success socially, and in a business way, is due in no small measure to his pleasing personality, honesty and close application to his interests.

**WILLIAM R. BOTSFORD**—When a young man of seventeen, Mr. Botsford located in Jamestown, N. Y., where he is now the honored vice-president of the Bank of Jamestown. He came to Jamestown from Canada, although he is a native son of Chautauqua county, N. Y., and since the year 1877 that city has been his home. His business connections have been almost exclusively financial, and since 1903 with the

Bank of Jamestown as assistant cashier, cashier, and vice-president. He is a son of Myron H. Botsford, born in Cayuga county, N. Y., March 20, 1830, and Laura A. (Buck) Botsford, born in the town of Busti, Chautauqua county, N. Y., in 1831.

William R. Botsford was born in Kiantone, Chautauqua county, N. Y., March 18, 1860, but during his youth his parents moved to Belleville, Ontario, Canada, and there he received his education in public schools and the business college. In 1877, he located in Jamestown, N. Y., and became a dry goods clerk, entering the employ of De Forest Weld. Later he accepted a clerkship with the Chautauqua County National Bank, and through successive promotions became teller of that institution. Later he engaged with others in organizing the Bank of Jamestown, was elected its first assistant cashier, and later cashier and vice-president. The bank was incorporated in 1903, and Mr. Botsford's service as assistant cashier, cashier and vice-president has been continuous.

From 1881 to 1894, Mr. Botsford was a member of Eagle Hose Company, Jamestown Volunteer Fire Department, and from 1887 until 1897 was an enlisted private of the Fenton Guards, Thirteenth Separate Company, New York National Guard. He is affiliated with Mt. Moriah Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, its treasurer for twenty-five years; member of Western Sun Chapter, No. 67, Royal Arch Masons; Jamestown Council, No. 32, Royal and Select Masters; Jamestown Commandery, No. 61, Knights Templar, of which he was commander in 1899; Jamestown Lodge of Perfection; Jamestown Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Buffalo Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; and Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. In politics he is a Democrat.

Mr. Botsford married, Oct. 24, 1901, Lucia C. Griffith, daughter of Fayette and Emily (Fox) Griffith, and granddaughter of Charles J. Fox, of further mention. Mr. and Mrs. Botsford are attendants of the Universalist church. The family home is at No. 855 Prendergast avenue, Jamestown.

(The Fox Line).

Charles J. Fox, the founder of this branch of the Fox family in Chautauqua county, N. Y., was of New England ancestry, son of Joseph Fox, of Rhode Island birth, who settled in the State of Vermont, and there lived until 1815, when he again moved, finding a home in Cayuga county, N. Y. Some years afterward he left Cayuga county and located in Spinner's Hollow, near Otto, Cattaraugus county, N. Y., going thence to Collins, Erie county, N. Y. His father, Joseph Fox, was an expert mechanic, and in 1832 was engaged in building boats on the St. Clair river in Michigan. There he contracted that dread disease, cholera, and died. Joseph Fox married Olivia Everest, daughter of Jared and Hannah (Sellick) Everest, and they were the parents of three sons: Charles J., of further mention; Albert A., and Horace, residents of Chautauqua county. Mrs. Olivia (Everest) Fox died at the residence of Mrs. Charles J. Fox, in Jamestown, Dec. 31, 1876, aged eighty-eight years, four months and twenty-five days.

Charles J. Fox was born in Middleboro, Vt., Feb. 17, 1810, and died in Jamestown, N. Y., March 26, 1876. In 1815, he was brought to Cayuga county, N. Y., by





*Peter Galone*



his parents, and in due course of time learned the trade of millwright, married, and until 1835 was working at his trade in the various parts of Western New York where he resided. In 1835, he was living in Collins, Erie county, N. Y., but in that year, with his wife and members of his father's family, he came to Chautauqua county, locating in the town of Carroll. After thirteen years spent there, engaged as a millwright, he moved in 1848 to the State of Pennsylvania, purchasing a tract of 2200 acres in Forest county. He became extensively engaged in the manufacture of lumber, and founded the town of Foxburg, now known as Lynch, where he built mills, homes for the workmen, a church, and maintained a school for the children of the village, holding the first sessions in his own home. He was for some time associated with Judge Ditmars Wetmore, of Warren, Pa., in large timber tracts in McKean county, Pa., they conducting a large business in manufacturing lumber. He was also a large owner in western lands, and was an authority on the value of standing timber values. During the oil excitement in 1865 he sold 1700 acres of his Forest county lands to eastern operators, retaining, however, the most valuable timber tracts. About that time he moved to Jamestown, purchasing the Alexander Sheldon home on Foote avenue, near Allen street, now (1921) the Women's Christian Association Hospital. There he spent the remaining decade of life, and at its close was laid at rest in Lakeview Cemetery.

Mr. Fox was a man of strong character and sterling worth, temperate in all things, well known and highly esteemed. He was the owner of the then largest steamboat on Chautauqua Lake, "The Nettie Fox," and she bore the distinction of being a strictly temperance boat, and the first of her class. In religious faith he was a Spiritualist, and strong in his convictions. He was openhanded, and generously gave to charity and all good causes. In politics he was liberal minded.

Charles J. Fox married, in 1832, Clarissa Mason, of Carroll, Chautauqua county, N. Y., born in 1815, daughter of Martin and Polly (Griswold) Mason, and granddaughter of Samuel Griswold and Benjamin Mason, both Revolutionary soldiers, Samuel Griswold enlisting from Salisbury, Conn. Charles J. and Clarissa (Mason) Fox were the parents of fourteen children: 1. Oscar. 2. Emily, of further mention. 3. Marie, married Erastus Lee. 4. Mercy, married George Hills. 5. Henry Brown, a soldier of the Civil War, who was killed at the second battle of Bull Run. 6. Almira, died young. 7. Franklin, a veteran of the Civil War. 8. James, died in Frewsburg, Chautauqua county, N. Y. 9. Mary Olivia, died in childhood. 10. Horace, residing at Niagara Falls, N. Y. 11. Olive, married Wellington Duun, of Alexandria, Va. 12. Nettie, married Emerson Locke. 13-14. Albert and Alfred, twins, both deceased.

Emily Fox, eldest daughter of Charles J. and Clarissa (Mason) Fox, was born at Collins, Erie county, N. Y., and died in Jamestown, N. Y., August, 1914. She married (first) Fayette Griffith, who died in Warren, Pa. She married (second) Professor Henry Goff Breed, an accomplished musician, and for many years a teacher of both piano and pipe organ. He was organist of the

First Presbyterian Church of Jamestown, and long presided over that department of church worship. He died in Warren, in September, 1912, his wife surviving him nearly seven years. They were both laid at rest in Lakeview Cemetery, Jamestown. Fayette and Emily (Fox) Griffith were the parents of a son, Charles, an engineer, who died in Jamestown, in April, 1918, and a daughter, Lucia C., of further mention. Professor Henry G. Breed and Mrs. Breed were childless.

Lucia C. Griffith, only daughter of Fayette and Emily (Fox) Griffith, and granddaughter of Charles J. and Clarissa (Mason) Fox, was born in Warren, Pa. She completed public school courses with graduation from high school, and then became an accomplished musician under the instruction of her stepfather, Professor Henry Goff Breed, she being a teacher of the piano in Warren and Bradford, Pa., and in Jamestown, N. Y., for several years, and all her life has continued her love for her art. She is a member of Jamestown Chapter, daughters of the American Revolution; the Mozart Club, and the Red Cross Society. During the World War, she was deeply interested in the Red Cross work and was supervisor of the knitting department of Chautauqua County Chapter.

**EDWARD COOK BURNS, C. E.**, was born in the city of New York, son of Barclay J. and Isabella (Cook) Burns, and when three years of age was taken, a motherless lad, into the home of his grandmother who was living in Jamestown, N. Y. From Jamestown he later went West, became a graduate civil engineer, and was engaged in professional work for corporations and the government. Finally, in 1885, at the age of forty, he returned to Jamestown, where until his death, twenty-nine years later, he was engaged as a consulting engineer, his services always in demand. Mr. Burns was a man of strong character and high ideals, giving to work his very best thought and action. His work reflected his integrity of character, and nothing cheap or poorly done went out under his name. With well stored mind, kept so by constant reading and study, he was fully abreast of the times in all that pertained to his profession, and was very progressive in his own ideas. Considerate and courteous, he made many friends by whom he will long be remembered. To those nearest him his pleasing personality, his kindness and thoughtfulness, bound them closely to him, and his chief wish seemed to be to add to their pleasure and lighten their burdens.

Edward Cook Burns was born near the corner of Broadway and Chambers street, New York City, Jan. 30, 1845, and died in Jamestown, N. Y., Oct. 29, 1914, after a year's illness. His father, Barclay J. Burns, was engaged in publishing and newspaper work at the time of the birth of his son, and three years after his birth his mother, Isabella (Cook) Burns, died. Edward C. Burns was then taken to Jamestown, N. Y., where he attended private schools. Later he was sent to Patterson Preparatory School, Detroit, Mich., going thence to the department of civil engineering, University of Michigan, whence he was graduated, Civil Engineer, class of 1868. Three of his close friends at the university were C. H. Bezinberg, Alfred Noble, both

later presidents of the American Society of Civil Engineers; and Charles E. Brush, the inventor of modern electric lighting.

Mr. Burns had been employed during his summer vacations from 1865 to 1867 as assistant with the United State Lake Survey. In August, 1868, he was appointed levelman on the Rockford, Rock Island & St. Louis Railway, remaining in that position until January, 1869, when he was made division engineer. From May to December, 1870, he was employed as assistant engineer on the Central Railroad of Iowa, and from April to July, 1871, as division engineer on the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Minnesota Railroad. Mr. Burns then returned to the East as engineer in charge of the extension of the Pittsburgh, Bessemer & Lake Erie Railroad, remaining until May, 1872, when he was appointed assistant engineer in charge of the construction of the Buffalo & Southwestern Railroad from Gowanda to Jamestown, N. Y., under General Robert Ewing. From April, 1873, to August, 1874, Mr. Burns served as acting superintendent of the Jamestown Gas Light Company. In the latter named month, he returned to the Buffalo & Jamestown Railroad as assistant engineer, which position he retained until June, 1875. From 1877 to 1885, he was employed as United States assistant engineer in river and harbor improvements at various places, including such important works as the construction of the Sault Ste. Marie canal, the improvement of the St. Clair Flats canal, the dredging of the Livingston channel, etc. In 1885, Mr. Burns returned to Jamestown, N. Y., where until his death he was engaged in private practice as a consulting engineer. He was connected with many of the principal construction enterprises in Jamestown and the surrounding country, having served as engineer of the Board of Public Works from 1894 to 1898. He was also one of the Conewango Swamp drainage commissioners, and had charge of the construction of its line for the Chautauqua Traction Company. He was always in demand throughout the vicinity as an expert in the design and construction of highway and railroad bridges, and had planned and supervised the construction of the old and new boat landing bridges and also the new Winsor bridge, the latter two having been his last important work before ill health compelled him to give up active practice. Mr. Burns became a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, July 5, 1882, and continued until his death. He was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity, and of the Masonic order, holding the thirty-second degree, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

Mr. Burns married, Oct. 3, 1872, Mary Graham, daughter of Major Thompson Graham, of Mercer, Pa. Mrs. Burns survives her husband with one daughter, Isabella Sutherland Burns. They reside in Jamestown.

**J. HAROLD SWANSON**—Among the young newspaper men of the city of Jamestown, is J. Harold Swanson, city editor of the "Morning Post."

J. Harold Swanson was born in Jamestown, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Nov. 19, 1884, the son of John A. and Charlotte (Hultberg) Swanson. He received his

education in local grammar and high schools, graduating from the high school in 1904 as president of his class. In the summers of 1902 and 1903, while still a student, Mr. Swanson was employed as a reporter by the "Post," and in the winter of 1904-05 he did general reporting for the Jamestown "Journal." During the summers of 1904 and 1905 he was the "Post" correspondent at the Chautauqua, N. Y., Assembly, and was also a member of the reportorial staff of the "Chautauqua Assembly Herald." In 1905 and 1906 he was a student in the law school of Cornell University, and in March, 1907, having returned to Jamestown, he became a reporter for the "Post," his work including courts, politics and city hall. In May, 1913, he became city editor. During the World War, Mr. Swanson served as secretary of the Home Defense Council and also as a member of the entertainment committee, assisting with the farewell dinners and home-coming receptions in honor of Jamestown soldiers and sailors. In April, 1918, he was appointed by Mayor Samuel A. Carlson a member of the Municipal Civil Service Commission. In politics, Mr. Swanson is a Republican, and he is a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church; James Hall Camp, Sons of Veterans; Norden Club; and Eta Chapter, Alpha Zeta fraternity.

Mr. Swanson married, Jan. 8, 1910, in Jamestown, Elizabeth O. Peterson, daughter of Augustus S. and Mary (Johnson) Peterson, late of the town of Carroll, Chautauqua county, N. Y.

**AARON GOODIER ANDERSON**, prosperous and respected farmer of Ellington, N. Y., road commissioner for twelve years, and now superintendent of highways in the state administration, is a native of Chautauqua county, in which he has lived his entire life of fifty-eight years.

Aaron Goodier Anderson was born in Ellington, this county, March 20, 1854, son of George S. and Alma (Leach) Anderson. After receiving a good education, including the high school course at Ellington, Aaron G. Anderson entered upon agricultural occupations, helping his father in the management of his large farm. Eventually, he took a farm for himself, and for the remainder of his life to the present has consistently held a farming property, and given a good deal of his time to its cultivation. That, however, has not been his only industrial undertaking. He has been an active man in public affairs of his town for many years. He is a loyal and influential Republican, and has given the party good active service, both in State and National campaigns, in his district, and he has undertaken some technical offices in the county administration. He is at present superintendent of highways, and for twelve years he has been a road commissioner. He is a man of high, moral character and rigid purpose, and his acts are governed by the strict principles of the Free Methodist church, which he has attended for many years.

Mr. Anderson married, at Ellington, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Dec. 3, 1887, Mary Shaw, who was born May 22, 1859, in Quincy, Mich., daughter of George Harrison and Julia (Christy) Shaw. Mr. Shaw was well known as a farmer in Michigan and later followed



this occupation in the town of Ellington. To Mr. and Mrs. Anderson were born two children: 1. Clair L., born Dec. 23, 1889; now married and has a child. 2. George S., born Sept. 5, 1891. 3. Clauss, born March 17, 1893, died June 10, 1893.

George S. Anderson left home with good courage and cheerful spirits, May 26, 1918, for the military training camp, where he was assigned to the 469th Motor Truck Company, and soon afterwards was sent to France, where he saw much actual front zone service. His European service extended over four countries within the war zone: France, Germany, Luxemburg and Belgium. He remained in the occupied territory of Germany long after the signing of the armistice; in fact, he did not leave France for home until June, 1919, and was ultimately honorably discharged from an American demobilization center, July 2, 1919.

Aaron G. Anderson has ever taken a keen interest in all matters of National import, and he followed the progress of the war very closely, not only because of his son's association with it, but otherwise. He took active part in the various home activities pertaining to Liberty Loans, Red Cross work, etc., and subscribed to the limit of his means to the various funds raised for the several purposes of the war. He is a man whose record has always been open and has had the respect of his fellowmen. He has earned a considerable degree of esteem from those who know him and his numerous friends are spread over the county.

**FRANK W. MEERDINK**—Until the year 1890 Mr. Meerdink, now a prosperous merchant-miller of North Clymer, Chautauqua county, N. Y., followed the occupation into which he was inducted in boyhood, farming. He was the son of a Chautauqua county farmer, and faithfully remained at the home farm during his years of minority, in fact, he was twenty-three years of age before he changed his occupation. In North Clymer he was long a member of the mercantile and lumbering firm, Meerdink Brothers, but for seven years has been in sole control. He is not only known as the successful business man, but also as the public-spirited citizen who, during the quarter of a century, 1895-1920, has given much time to the public service and to community affairs. Frank W. Meerdink is a son of Garrett Meerdink, a farmer of the town of Clymer, and a veteran of the Civil War, serving in Company D, 112th Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry.

Frank W. Meerdink, son of Garrett and Hannah M. Meerdink, was born in the town of Clymer, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Sept. 29, 1867. He there obtained his education in the public school. He grew to manhood at the home farm, and was his father's assistant until leaving to engage in business for himself. From farming he turned to a lumber mill, and from 1890 until 1895 drove a team hauling logs and lumber for that mill. In 1895 he formed a partnership with his brother and as Meerdink Brothers they operated a store and saw mill at the village of North Clymer. In 1901, they added a grist mill and conducted business under the same firm name until 1913. In that year the firm dissolved, Frank W. Meerdink continuing the grist mill

and mercantile business very successfully to the present date, 1921. A Republican in politics, Mr. Meerdink has served the village as postmaster, beginning in December, 1895, as deputy, and two years later was appointed postmaster, holding the same from December, 1897, until December, 1914. He was then out of the office until March, 1919, when he was reappointed and is still serving. He was also a member of the school board during the period of township law. He is an earnest member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and deeply interested in Sunday school work, serving that department of the church as superintendent. He is highly regarded in his community and possesses the respect and friendship of a very wide acquaintance.

Mr. Meerdink married, in Clymer, Chautauqua county, N. Y., June 20, 1895, Mary E. Damcot, daughter of John H. and Jane Damcot. Mr. and Mrs. Meerdink are the parents of a son, Doyle E., born July 30, 1913. The family home is in the village of North Clymer.

**BENJAMIN OTTO SCHLENDER**, son of Henry and Mary (Slade) Schlender, was born in Angola, Erie county, N. Y., in 1875. After graduation from the Angola High School, he entered mercantile life and until 1907 was a merchant of Angola. He then located in the village of Sheridan, Chautauqua county, where he resumed business and continued a merchant until a serious illness caused him to sell his store and engage in a less confining business. He has since been engaged as a shipper of produce, and is now (1920) associated with the Erie Grape Union in Westfield, N. Y. He is a director of the Silver Creek National Bank of Silver Creek, N. Y., has other business interests, and is now serving his second term as Sheridan's representative on the Chautauqua County Board of Supervisors. He is a Republican in politics, a member of the Unitarian church of Dunkirk, and affiliated with the Masonic order and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Mr. Schlender married, in 1899, in Angola, N. Y., Olive D. Roberts, born in Angola, in 1876, daughter of Adelbert and Ida (Platte) Roberts. Mr. and Mrs. Schlender are the parents of two daughters, Evelyn and Kathryn.

Mrs. Olive D. (Roberts) Schlender is a graduate of Angola High and Buffalo Normal schools, and for two years before her marriage taught school. She is a Republican in politics, and a member of the Unitarian church of Dunkirk. Through her patriotic ancestry she has gained membership in Major Benjamin Bosworth Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, of Silver Creek; is a member of the Saturday Study Club of Sheridan; the Women's Literary Club of Dunkirk, and for two years was first vice-president of the Western New York Federation of Women's Clubs. Mrs. Schlender contributed to this history of Chautauqua county her article on "Books and Authors," read before the Chautauqua County Historical Society at the annual meeting at Mayville in 1920.

**CLAYTON T. BAGG**, a resident of Ellington, N. Y., is a native of that town, born Dec. 5, 1860, son of Allen and Allison Bagg, the former named having fol-

lowed the occupation of farming during the active years of his life.

Clayton T. Bagg attended the Ellington Union School, acquiring a practical education that prepared him for the active duties of life. He followed farming as an occupation for many years, and in 1910 accepted the position of a traveling salesman for the Grandin Milling Company, Jamestown, N. Y., in which capacity he is serving at the present time (1921). He is a Republican in politics, served as superintendent of documents, New York State Senate, 1901-02, and as postmaster of the New York Senate, 1903-04-05-06. He is a Congregationalist in his religious belief.

Mr. Bagg married, in Ellington, N. Y., Jan. 7, 1883, Nellie E. Terry, daughter of Hiram and Jerusha (Hatch) Terry. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Bagg, namely: Marion Luce, born June 6, 1885, and Nellie Priscilla, born March 15, 1902.

**CHARLES J. CARLSON**, proprietor of one of the finest theaters in Chautauqua county, N. Y., is not a native of this country, but was born in Sweden, Sept. 26, 1875. He is a son of Henry and Hannah Carlson, who were natives of Sweden and came to this country in 1886, leaving their son, Charles J., under the protection of his uncle. Charles J. and his uncle followed one year later, landing in America in 1887.

Charles J. Carlson received his education in the schools of his native land, and after coming to this country joined the family at Gerry, N. Y., assisting his father in the work upon the farm there which the elder man had purchased. He also bought and sold timber to the veneer companies hereabouts, sawing and shipping same, in which line he was engaged for a period of eight years. Mr. Carlson was an adventurer by nature, and hearing of the boom in the southern states, came to Texas, in 1906, where he purchased a saw mill and, engaging 125 men to assist him, began operating the same. He continued in this business for a period of about four years, and in 1910 returned to the North and settled at Sinclairville, N. Y., where he opened a moving picture theatre with a capacity of 200 seats, and equipped it thoroughly. He sold this place in 1915, and then went to Union City, Pa., and purchased the Star Theatre, with a capacity of 400 seats. It was not until October, 1916, that Mr. Carlson went to Westfield and at this place he built a fine brick building, on the corner opposite Welche's office building, which he operates as a theatre. This building was erected on a plot of ground, 70x130 feet and is a two-story structure, comprising the Grand Theatre, with a capacity of 760 seats and boxes on the main floor, and 175 seats in the balcony. On the second floor of this building Mr. Carlson has his apartments, his rooms being arranged on the fashion of a hotel. Mr. Carlson's theatre can claim a very large stage, which can accommodate any production. The theatre displays moving picture shows, and at times a stock company plays here. It is the auditorium of Westfield for lectures and special church services, and is the finest place of its kind in the county, claiming a large patronage. In his religious belief, Mr. Carlson is a Lutheran and attends the Swedish Lutheran church here, ardently supporting the

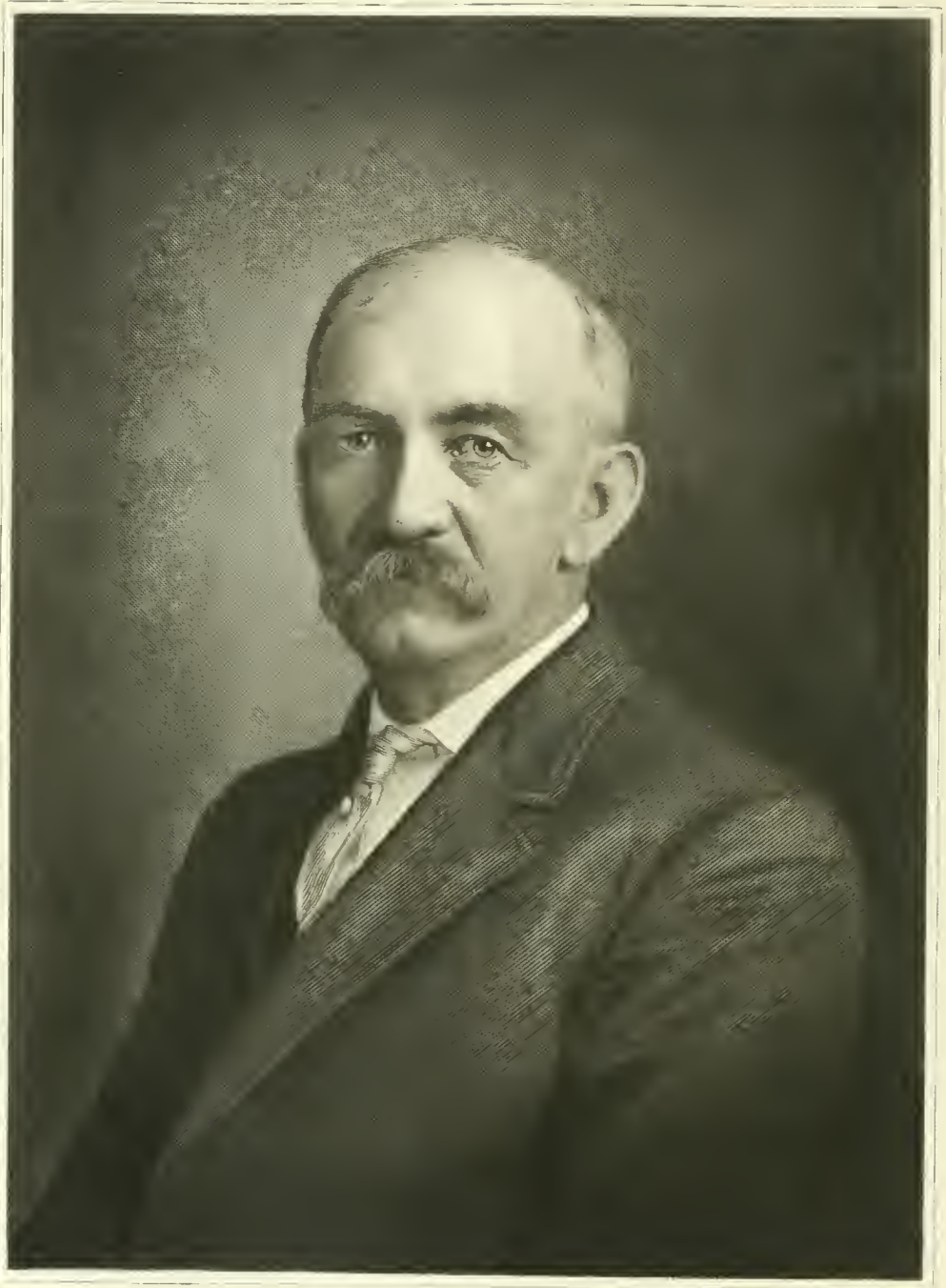
charitable and philanthropic undertakings of the congregation. He is a Republican in politics, but his enormous activities do not permit him to take any great part in politics, although his abilities well fit him for public office.

Charles J. Carlson was united in marriage with Jessie Gretchin Kennedy at Corry, Pa., Jan. 20, 1904, a daughter of Charles H. and Elsie K. (Lewis) Kennedy, old and highly respected citizens of this place. To Mr. and Mrs. Carlson one child has been born, Alfred Henry, who is a student in the schools of this region.

**HERBERT S. CHASE**—Among the farmers and agriculturists of Chautauqua county, N. Y., there are many of the more progressive type who have added other allied activities to their original occupation, and have built up large and prosperous businesses of a commercial or industrial character, making use of the produce of their own farms as well as that of the other farms in the neighboring region. There are, for instance, many of the larger grape growers who have turned to the successful manufacture of grape juice and other grape products and established enterprises that have grown into a national reputation. Others have used the products of their orchards as the basis of large canneries or preserving plants, while the owners of large dairy farms have developed extensive milk businesses. There are still others who have turned to the milling business with a high degree of success, and among these in the region of Cherry Creek is Herbert S. Chase, whose large modern mill was a conspicuous object in the industrial life of this town.

Mr. Chase is a son of Stephen and Carnila (Spencer) Chase, Stephen Chase, a native of Rochester, N. Y., from which place he removed as a young man to Charlotte, Chautauqua county, and there followed the occupation of farming with much success until the time of his death. Their son, Herbert S. Chase, was born at Charlotte, and there passed his childhood, attending the local public schools and gaining an excellent general education. He also became acquainted with agricultural methods through assisting his father on the latter's farm, and upon reaching manhood took up that occupation. In the year 1871 he became the owner of his present fine farm in the vicinity of Charlotte Center, several miles from Cherry Creek, and since then has carried on general farming on an extensive scale. Mr. Chase has always been one of those men who have realized and combined the knowledge that comes from long practical farm experience. Being enterprising, Mr. Chase conceived that great opportunities awaited the man who should establish an adequate mill in the neighborhood of Cherry Creek, so he set about to accomplish this purpose, and in 1910 built his present mill, equipping it with every modern device and installing a powerful electric dynamo for the motive power. He conducted this mill with great success until he sold it to E. A. Tickner & Company, 1920. Mr. Chase is a member of the local grange, and in his religious belief is affiliated with the Church of the United Brethren. Mr. Chase is a Prohibitionist and has done much for the advancement of this worthy cause.





*Joshua E. Cushman*



Herbert S. Chase married (first) Oct. 31, 1876, Philema Collins, whose death occurred July 28, 1892. He married (second) July 3, 1894, Mrs. Emelia A. (Fluker) Moore, the widow of Morris Moore. To Mrs. Chase was born one daughter by her former marriage, Elvy Moore, who married Bernel Gardner of Villenova, Chautauqua county, N. Y.

**WALTER SKELLIE**—Among the late successful merchants of Jamestown, Chautauqua county, N. Y., the name of Walter Skellie was prominent, both on account of the large and high class business built up by him during his thirty-five years activity and because of his consistent adherence to the best standards of business integrity and honor. Mr. Skellie was a native of Washington county, N. Y., born Aug. 9, 1845, a son of Andrew and Jane (Edie) Skellie, old and highly respected residents of that place.

As a lad, Walter Skellie attended the schools of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and upon graduation from the Eastman Business College of that city, began at once his successful business career. For thirty-five years he was continuously engaged in the grocery business at the corner of Third and Pine streets, Jamestown, having removed to Chautauqua county when about twenty years of age. He showed throughout his long career a most commendable public spirit and always kept the best interests of the community of which he was a member at heart. He won the universal respect and esteem of his fellow-townsmen and did much for the material advancement of Jamestown. His grocery establishment, which he always conducted in the most up-to-date manner, was one of the largest of its kind in the city and drew upon a large area for its extensive patronage. He was a Presbyterian in religious belief and attended the church of that denomination at Jamestown, having been regarded as one of the most active and liberal members of the congregation.

Walter Skellie was united in marriage, Oct. 16, 1904, at Jamestown, with Mary E. Wiard, a daughter of George A. and Keziah (Patterson) Wiard, of Wattsburg, Pa. Mr. Skellie died in 1908, at his home in Jamestown.

**HIRAM ALDRICH DAMON**—In Cattaraugus and Chautauqua counties, N. Y., the two places of his residence in his busy and active life, Mr. Damon has been constantly in some form of the public service, in elective offices to which he was called by the votes of his fellow-citizens. He has been a resident of Cherry Creek, Chautauqua county, N. Y., since 1906, and since that time has filled the offices of president of the village for six years and justice of the peace for fourteen years. Mr. Damon's position in his community is one of usefulness and influence, and the weight of his support has ever been on the side of right and progress.

Hiram Aldrich Damon is a son of Edmund and Achsah (Aldrich) Damon, and grandson of Charles Damon. Charles Damon was a native of Scituate, Mass., and in early life moved to Salisbury, Vt., where he operated a grist mill. He also conducted farming operations, and soon after his marriage moved to Randolph, Cattaraugus county, N. Y., in 1854 moving to

Conewango in the same county. Here he took up land, continued in the pursuit of agriculture, and here both he and his wife died. Achsah (Aldrich) Damon was born in Shrewsbury, Vt., daughter of Abner Aldrich, a farmer of that place.

Hiram Aldrich Damon was born in Randolph, Cattaraugus county, N. Y., July 25, 1851, and spent his early life on his father's farm at Conewango. He attended the district schools and a select school, and as a young man was a teacher in the schools of Conewango, remaining in this calling for fourteen years, all of the time in Cattaraugus county schools. He became the owner of farms in Conewango and Leon, Cattaraugus county, residing in the latter place for a period of eleven years. Farming has always been his principal occupation, and in this line of endeavor he has been uniformly successful.

Mr. Damon's first public office was as supervisor of highways in the town of Conewango, to which position he was elected as a young man of twenty-four years, being then the youngest man ever elected to that office in the State of New York. Through successive annual re-elections he remained in the supervisor's post for six years. In 1887 he was first elected justice of the peace in Conewango, and was in office continuously until his removal to Cherry Creek, in 1906. His appointment in that year to the same responsible place in Cherry Creek to fill an unexpired term, was a strong tribute to his reputation for impartiality and even judgment that accompanied him from his former home. At the following election his appointment was confirmed for another term of four years, and he has been successively re-elected ever since. In the current year (1920) he was re-elected for his fourth full term in Cherry Creek, where he has thoroughly and conscientiously performed the duties of his place. Throughout his active political career, Mr. Damon has remained steadfast in the support of the Republican party, whose principles embody his firm personal convictions.

Mr. Damon married, Nov. 12, 1872, Addie M. Brand, of Leon, Cattaraugus county, N. Y., a native of Canandaigua, N. Y., daughter of Lamay Brand, a farmer. Mr. Damon and his family are attendants of the Methodist Episcopal church. Children: Edmund L., a farmer of Leon, N. Y.; Harris A., also a farmer of that place; Milton E., of Ripley, Chautauqua county, and Alva M., married Guy E. Cooper, of Cherry Creek.

**JOSHUA ERWIN CUSHMAN**—The Cushmans of Silver Creek, Chautauqua county, N. Y., trace descent from the Pilgrim, Robert Cushman, and in Chautauqua county, from Mason Cushman, born in Hamilton, N. Y., who, on coming to the county, settled in the town of Villenova. There he engaged in farming, but later moved to the town of Hanover, where he purchased 200 acres of land which he improved and devoted largely to grape culture. Mason Cushman married Melissa Tanner, and they were the parents of three children: Mason, of Syracuse, N. Y.; Joshua Erwin, to whom this review is dedicated, and Livia Melissa, who married Willis B. Horton, of the town of Hanover, N. Y.

Joshua Erwin Cushman was born on a farm in Vil-

lenova, Chautauqua county, N. Y., April 12, 1851. He was young when the family moved to Hanover, and there was educated in the public schools. He remained at home, his father's assistant, until the death of the latter, when Joshua E. succeeded to the management of the homestead, operating its acres and large vineyards with profit and success, his farm and vineyards yielding abundantly. In 1905, he removed from the homestead to the village of Silver Creek, but retained his interest in the farm. He entered the employ of the then postmaster of Silver Creek as assistant, and from that year until his death in Silver Creek in August, 1916, he held that position. He is buried in the cemetery at Hanover Center, Chautauqua county. Mr. Cushman was a Republican in politics and for many years was a member of the county committee. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Cushman married, in Hanover, Millie E. Young, born in Dayton, Cattaraugus county, N. Y., daughter of George and Emily (Sherman) Young, her mother a descendant of one of the important early families of Rhode Island. Miss Young was educated in the public schools, Westfield Academy, and Fredonia State Normal, teaching in Chautauqua and Cattaraugus county schools until her marriage, also serving as principal. Since becoming a widow, she has sold the Cushman homestead in Hanover, and continues her residence at Silver Creek, where she is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, president of the Foreign Missionary Society, an active member of the Ladies' Aid Society, the Women's Christian Temperance Union, and yet retains membership in the Farmers' Club of Hanover, of which her husband was a one-time president. Mr. and Mrs. Cushman were the parents of two children: 1. Vera C., educated in the public schools, Bryant & Stratton's Business College, Buffalo, Fredonia State Normal School, and Syracuse University, receiving the degree of Ph. D. from the last-named institution; she adopted teaching as her profession, and after serving as an instructor in the commercial department of Youngstown, Ohio, High School, became principal of the commercial department of the East Technical High School, Cleveland, Ohio. 2. Livia E., who after high school graduation, entered Syracuse University, whence she was graduated; she married Dr. R. S. Moore, a medical specialist in the Syracuse University Hospital; Mrs. Moore died in October, 1918, leaving a daughter, Rachel Cushman Moore; she was an active Young Women's Christian Association worker and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Cushman was devoted to his family. He was a man of strong character, honorable and upright in all his dealings, and of sterling principles. Mrs. Cushman resides on Christy street, Silver Creek, N. Y.

**GLEN W. CLELAND**—Despite the fact that this is the name of a man, the span of whose life embraced a period of only thirty years, there are few citizens of Chautauqua county who will not greet its appearance with a heart-throb of recognition. Mr. Cleland, who always remained a resident of his native township of Charlotte, was one of those youthful patriots, who in

the recent World War laid down their lives for their country and for humanity.

Samuel Cleland, great-grandfather of Glen W. Cleland, was one of the pioneer settlers of Charlotte township. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, serving at Fort Erie. He married Elizabeth Holdridge.

Orrin Cleland, son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Holdridge) Cleland, married Drucilla Rhynder. Like his father, he was a resident of Charlotte township.

Orrin William Cleland, son of Orrin and Drucilla (Rhynder) Cleland, was born in 1858, in Charlotte township, and received his education in local schools. He became a farmer in the neighborhood of Charlotte Center. He married Emma, daughter of William and Margaret (McClaran) Shannon, both of whom are now deceased. Mr. Cleland died Jan. 24, 1888, leaving his young widow to rear the son to whom she was devoted and whom relentless war has taken from her. Mrs. Cleland, who has always lived in Charlotte Center, now resides in Cassadaga.

Glen W. Cleland, son of Orrin William and Emma (Shannon) Cleland, was born April 24, 1888, in Charlotte township. He attended the public schools of his native place, afterward studying at the Sinclairville High School. Having a mechanical turn of mind he preferred machinery to farming, and found employment in automobile repair shops in Jamestown, Cassadaga and Sinclairville. At the time of the outbreak of the war, Mr. Cleland was thus employed, and when the United States became a participant in the great conflict, obeying the impulse of patriotism, he responded to the call to arms, enlisting in Company F, 39th Battalion, and was ordered to the camp at Syracuse, N. Y. While training in camp for overseas duty, Mr. Cleland fell ill with influenza, which in a few days turned to pneumonia, and on Sept. 28, 1918, he passed away at the training camp. He was buried with military honors at Sinclairville, in his native county. He had been a good soldier, ever faithful to duty and well liked by his comrades.

The life of Glen W. Cleland was a valuable life, for he was a useful citizen and wholeheartedly devoted to his widowed mother, but he hesitated not to offer himself on the altar of patriotism, being in this, as in all other respects, a typical representative of American manhood.

**FRED A. NELSON**, who for many years had been responsibly connected, in executive capacity, with the furniture industry in the city of Jamestown, N. Y., was one of the organizers of the Jamestown Upholstery Company, manufacturers of high grade upholstered furniture in leather and fabric, and of later years has been its president. He is a native of Jamestown, born Sept. 21, 1874, the son of Victor Fred and Caroline Nelson, the former for many years connected with the police department of Jamestown, but now in business with his son, in the Jamestown Upholstery Company.

Fred A. Nelson received his education in local schools, taking the primary grades in the grammar school and then becoming a student in the high school. He was an industrious boy, and for some years while





*Ray S. Crandall*



at school he worked during the evenings and the whole of Saturdays in a Swedish book store in Jamestown. Eventually he went to the Middle West, to an uncle who was at Rock Island, Ill. While there the boy attended the Augustana College, Rock Island; he took the general and business courses and helped to pay for his schooling by working in a general store after school hours and on Saturdays. In 1893 he graduated, and soon thereafter returned to Jamestown. On Aug. 28, 1893, he entered the employ of the Jamestown Lounge Company, as a clerk. He remained, in clerical capacity, with that company for six years, and steadily advanced in responsibility until he had entire clerical charge of all the work that went into the factory. He became a valuable executive and he manifested marked ability in salesmanship. From 1900 to 1913 he spent practically the whole of his time traveling for the company in the middle and southwestern sections of the country, and worked so successfully that eventually his territory embraced fourteen states. During these years of successful salesmanship, he steadily increased his individual capital, and in 1913 was the prime mover in the organization of the Jamestown Upholstery Company. Mr. Nelson is president of that company, regarding the development of which reference is made in the following sketch. He has always been popular in Jamestown, in the circles in which he has moved, and he has manifested a sincere interest in his fellows.

Mr. Nelson is a veteran of the Spanish-American War. In his early manhood he was much interested in military activities, and was a member of the local company of the National Guard of New York. When war was declared against Spain, and the various National Guard units mobilized, he was a member of Company E, 65th Infantry of New York, which regiment was ordered to Camp Black. There the regiment underwent training and later was ordered to Camp Alger. The shortness of the campaign, however, made it unnecessary to bring the regiment into action, and it was eventually mustered out of the Federal service in December, 1898. During his military service, Mr. Nelson served as brigade and division clerk. His service during the war brings him membership in the Spanish-American War Veterans' organization. He belongs to several fraternal orders, among them the Masonic bodies, Free and Accepted Masons, and the Maccabees. He is a member of the Norden Club of Jamestown, and the Jamestown Board of Commerce, and also belongs to the Manufacturers' and Merchants' Association of New York State, and the National Association of Upholsterers. Politically he is a Republican, and religiously he is a Lutheran, member of the First Swedish Lutheran church, Jamestown.

Mr. Nelson married (first) March 24, 1898, Bessie Nellie Greenlund, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christian Greenlund. This happy union was all too brief, for her demise took place Dec. 19, 1898, after a short illness. Mr. Nelson married (second) in Mayville, N. Y., June 28, 1905, Belle Carlson, whose antecedents were Swedish, but whose immediate family and relatives are well known in the Jamestown district. They have two children: Frederick A., Jr., and Philip, who are both at school.

**THE JAMESTOWN UPHOLSTERY COMPANY, Inc.**, which was established in 1913 by substantial business men of the city of Jamestown, N. Y., received corporate powers, under the laws of the State of New York, in April of that year, and proceeded at once to erect a building of four floors, having a floor space of 24,000 square feet, which they considered they would need for the proper housing of their plant, which was to specialize in the making of upholstered furniture of the highest grade. Every device of mechanical nature that, without depreciating quality, could be advantageously used in their class of work was installed, and electric power installed, with 150 horse-power boiler, for future use, and the plant started operations with a skilled force of twenty-five people. It has gone steadily ahead, and at present needs forty employees to cope with its demands. The company is gaining a good reputation for quality and workmanship, the fundamental principle of the managers, since the inception of the company, being to send out of their shops only work of the highest grade. The factory force of forty does not give a true indication of the volume of the business done, because the whole of the band saw work is done in other factories, and sent to the Jamestown Upholstery Company's plant to be assembled and upholstered. During the World War the company did useful war work, manufacturing fine leather cushions for torpedo boat destroyers.

The original officers and managers of the company were: J. H. Prather, president; Fred A. Nelson, vice-president; L. N. Olmsted, secretary and treasurer, and Frank J. Kling, superintendent. In 1916, the company was reorganized, and Mr. Nelson became president. Associated with him in the active management of the business is Mr. Carl A. Hultquist. They, together with Clarence A. Hultquist, a retail merchant of the city, and Earle O. Hultquist, secretary and treasurer of the Art Metal Construction Company, constitute the board of directors. The principals are members of the Jamestown Board of Commerce, of the Manufacturers' and Merchants' Association of New York State, and of the National Association of Upholsterers.

**RAY G. CRANDALL**, one of the well known business men and prominent citizens of Kennedy, Chautauqua county, N. Y., and an active figure in public affairs here, is a native of the town of Poland Chautauqua county, N. Y., born Dec. 30, 1865. He is the son of John D. and Malinda (Colburn) Crandall, the former a builder in this region for many years.

Ray G. Crandall attended the district and high schools of Ellington, and Chamberlain Institute, where he completed his education. He afterwards engaged in the live stock brokerage business in Kennedy. From that time to the present (1921) Mr. Crandall has continued most successfully in that line and has built up a large and successful business, which has become well known under his able management. He handles in the course of a year about 2,000 head of cattle, and has a well equipped plant for dressing beef, pork and other cattle; besides this he has a well established meat market in Kennedy, and a farm consisting of 112 acres

under cultivation. In addition to his business interests, Mr. Crandall has participated actively in local public affairs and has held the office of supervisor for the town of Poland for eight years. Politically he is a Prohibitionist and has done much for the advancement of this cause. He is a well known figure in social and fraternal circles, being a member of the Patrons of Husbandry and the Order of Maccabees. He is also affiliated with the Farmers' Club and has been active in agricultural affairs. Mr. Crandall attends the Methodist Episcopal church of Kennedy. He has been exceedingly active in the work of the congregation, serving as church secretary and trustee.

Ray G. Crandall was united in marriage, June 30, 1887, at Randolph, N. Y., with Bertha R. Cornell, a native of the town of Chautauqua, born Oct. 30, 1865, a daughter of Ephraim W. and Electa C. (Hunt) Cornell, old and highly respected residents of Chautauqua. The name of Cornell has for years been borne by many of the leading men and their families in Chautauqua county, and they were numbered among the pioneer settlers. Mrs. Crandall is one of the prominent women in Kennedy, and is active in church, social, civic and other town activities. Mr. and Mrs. Crandall have the following children: 1. Una E., born May 1, 1888, became the wife of Bliss Van Every, of Buffalo, N. Y. 2. Erie R., born April 27, 1892, married Mildred R. Williams, of Poland. 3. Edna B., born July 25, 1893, died in February, 1895. 4. Fern B., born July 17, 1895, married J. B. Wheelock, of Poland. 5. George A., born Dec. 5, 1896, now residing at home. 6. Howard D., born March 26, 1898, married Kathleen Penfield, of Conneautville, Pa.

**DUANE M. CONLEY**, retired merchant and prominent citizen, for many years was engaged in business at Randolph, where he met with notable success, and played an influential part in the general affairs of the town while he conducted his business and resided there. He is a native of Collins Center, N. Y., born Sept. 29, 1853, a son of Benoni and Mary (Fox) Conley, the former a Methodist Episcopal minister, who in later life preached and resided in Conewango for a number of years and there died.

Duane M. Conley was educated at the district schools at Hamlet and Conewango, Chautauqua and Cattaraugus counties, respectively. Upon completing his studies, Mr. Conley followed farming for a number of years and began his business career in 1892 by conducting a bakery establishment in Randolph, continuing for six years, meeting with considerable success, which was undoubtedly due to the high standard of service and material always maintained by him. He was never satisfied with anything but the best and gained an enviable reputation throughout the entire district for quality and service. So greatly did he prosper that after six years conduct of this business, Mr. Conley was able to retire from active business pursuits. He disposed of his large baking plant and store, and then became connected in a passive way with George K. Marsh in the grocery business, continuing for the following six years. Upon the death of his wife's father, he left business life and succeeded to the management

of the farming property at Waterboro in behalf of his wife. Mr. and Mrs. Conley conducted this farm for seventeen years, at the expiration of which time they sold it, subsequently removing to Kennedy, where they have resided ever since. Mr. Conley is a staunch supporter of the principles and policies of the Republican party, and has discharged his duties as a citizen to the fullest extent. He attends the Methodist church at Kennedy.

Duane M. Conley was united in marriage, Aug. 10, 1873, at Sinclairville, Chautauqua county, N. Y., to Lois L. Ingersall, a native of Ellington, born June 28, 1855, a daughter of Martin Van Buren and Mary (Davis) Ingersall, well known residents there. Mr. and Mrs. Conley are the parents of the following children: 1. Arthur Ray, born Aug. 23, 1875; educated at Chamberlain Institute and University of Syracuse Law School; practiced law for a number of years in Randolph with Rodney R. Crowley, and a few years after the death of Mr. Crowley, went to Buffalo, where he is now practicing his profession; married Louina Jensea of Randolph. 2. Mary Ingersall, born Feb. 3, 1878, educated at Randolph and Chamberlain Institutes, after which she taught school for ten years at Randolph and Conewango; she became the wife of Thomas Reid, a farmer of Sinclairville, and they have a child, Catherine L. 3. Lamont H., born Sept. 3, 1881; educated at Randolph and Chamberlain Institutes; has been connected with the furniture business for a number of years in Jamestown and other places. 4. Lois Elizabeth, born May 12, 1898; educated at Ellington High School where she trained and took special courses in teaching for two years; she taught school for two years, and then accepted a position as assistant cashier in the Conewango National Bank, serving for two years she is now office manager for the L. C. Strong Real Estate Agency in Jamestown.

**LEON E. BUTTON**—The name Button as a family surname is first found in the town of Harmony with the coming of Alvin, Rufus, Elijah and Joseph Button their settlement being as early as 1830. A descendant, Joseph H. Button, a corporal of Company E, 112<sup>d</sup> Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry, was killed at the taking of Fort Fisher, Jan. 15, 1865. Button's Inn, a name made familiar by the novelist, Judge Albion W. Tourgee, was located in Chautauqua county near the crest of the hills south of Westfield, on the main road to Mayville. From 1904 until 1920, inclusive, Harmony has had but six men elected to the Board of Supervisors, and the present supervisor, Leon E. Button, is now serving his tenth term, his first term beginning in 1904, this being the third time that he has been returned to the office after being out for a time. He is a substantial farmer of Harmony, and a resident of the Panama district.

Leon E. Button is a grandson of Alvin Button, who came from Vermont to Panama, Chautauqua county, N. Y., in 1830, and a son of Franklin Button, born in Panama, where he spent his life, a farmer. Franklin Button married Matilda Cook, daughter of William C. and Amy (Bentley) Cook. William G. Cook, son of Warham and Olive (Gay) Cook, was born in Oneida





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county, N. Y., Jan. 14, 1808, came to Chautauqua county in 1828, bought part of lot No. 51 in the town of Harmony, but ten years later moved to the vicinity of Panama. In 1832 he married Amy Bentley, and they were the parents of a son, Lyman C., and a daughter, Matilda, who became the wife of Franklin Button. In 1831, William G. Cook lost his right arm, but he afterward performed many kinds of farm labor and even cleared land for others, contracting that work by the acre. He died April 12, 1894, surviving his wife, Amy (Bentley) Cook, two years. They joined the Baptist church in Panama in 1834.

Leon E. Button, son of Franklin and Matilda (Cook) Button, was born in Panama, town of Harmony, Chautauqua county, N. Y., June 17, 1860. He was educated in the public schools, and has all his life been engaged in farming in his native town, and is there most highly regarded as a man of sterling worth and character. Mr. Button has given a great deal of time to the public service, and in an unselfish, public-spirited way, has done much for the good of his town. He is a Republican in politics, and was first elected supervisor of Harmony for the year 1904. He was reelected in 1905 and 1906, then was out of the board until 1912, but in the meantime was elected sheriff of Chautauqua county, an office he held for three years. He was again elected supervisor of Harmony in 1912, reelected in 1913, 1914 and 1915. He was again out of the board for three years, then was again elected, and is now (1921) serving his tenth term. That he has proven a valuable public official this evidence of the continued confidence of his townsmen is ample proof. During the period of the war with Germany, 1917-1918, he was active in support of the various county movements, and was chairman of the selective draft board in his section. He is a member of the Masonic order, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Patrons of Husbandry.

Mr. Button married, June 20, 1880, in Jamestown, N. Y., Hattie L. Steres, born June 3, 1859, in Harmony, daughter of Isaac E. and Mary (Graves) Steres, both of the town of Harmony. Mrs. Button died Dec. 8, 1920. Mr. and Mrs. Button were the parents of four children: 1. Earl, born June 22, 1881; enlisted in the 32nd Regiment, New York Volunteers, for service in the Spanish-American War, July 1, 1898, served ten months, when he was honorably discharged and mustered out at Savannah, Ga.; he died Aug. 1, 1920, from malaria, contracted during his service in the Spanish-American War. 2. Ida, born May 24, 1883, died May 4, 1895. 3. Horace H., born Jan. 7, 1887. 4. Hattie, born June 30, 1891.

**ALBERT L. IRONS**, postmaster of Cassadaga, N. Y., was born in this town, Dec. 21, 1862, the son of Albert N. and Lovina (Richardson) Irons. He is one of the foremost citizens of the community, having been distinctly and prominently identified with every forward movement during his mature years.

After completing his studies in the district school of his native place, he entered the drug store of F. A. Pond and there gained a thorough knowledge of this business, and later established himself in the drug business, being thus engaged at the time of his appoint-

ment by President Wilson in 1919 to the office of postmaster, which position he still holds. In politics, Mr. Irons is a Democrat, keenly alive to his responsibilities as a citizen, and taking an active part in public affairs. He is well known in fraternal life, being a member of the Free and Accepted Masons and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Albert L. Irons is a man of sterling character, strong in his business integrity and loyal to his friends, of which he has a vast number.

Mr. Irons married, Sept. 26, 1902, L. Blanche Sage, and they are the parents of one child, Ruth.

**WELLINGTON H. GRIFFITH**—Griffiths came to Chautauqua county with the earliest settlers, Jeremiah Griffith, of Madison county, N. Y., settling in 1806, in the now town of Ellery, at the old Indian fields at Griffith's Point. Many descendants sprang from Jeremiah Griffith, and a most valuable grist and flour mill was built in 1832 by Seth and Samuel Griffith, sons of Jeremiah Griffith, the first settler. Other sons of Jeremiah Griffith were: John, Jeremiah (2), and Alexander. All came to Chautauqua and helped to clear away its forests, found its communities, schools and churches, and on the foundation they laid the present prosperity of the county rests. On the paternal side the Griffiths are of Welsh ancestry.

Wellington H. Griffith, grandson of Jeremiah (1) Griffith, and son of Jeremiah (2) and Margaret (Loucks) Griffith, was born in Chautauqua county, N. Y., April 10, 1818. Wellington H. Griffith was a miller and learned his trade from Henry Baker. For many years he operated the old Grandin Mills. He was a member of the Masonic order in Jamestown, and for many years a member of the School Board. In religious faith he was a Presbyterian, and a man highly respected.

Wellington H. Griffith married, Oct. 29, 1846, in Jamestown, N. Y., Rhoda Bucklin, born Jan. 15, 1823, died in December, 1856. Mr. and Mrs. Griffith were the parents of four children: 1. Frances Isabel, born July 22, 1848; married, Sept. 22, 1869, in Jamestown, William H. Shaw, who died Oct. 11, 1916, leaving two children: Ralph B. and Margaret Louise. 2. Georgiana Victoria, born Oct. 2, 1852; married (first) Sept. 10, 1873, Douglas W. Clark, and to this union was born one child, Alice Cary Clark; he died Dec. 15, 1879; she married (second) Nov. 18, 1891, Smith T. Culver, who died July 18, 1916. 3. Laurence Wellington, born Nov. 22, 1856; married Jessie Button. 4. Florence Rhoda, twin with Laurence W., died July 22, 1859.

**FRANK L. KOLPIEN** exemplifies in a remarkable degree not only the achievements of a man of great natural talent, but the wonderful possibilities whereby a poor boy can attain distinction in a community in a short period of time. The success of Frank L. Kolpien, known in the business world of Dunkirk, N. Y., as the head of the Q'Donnell Lumber Company, in all his undertakings is so marked that his methods must be of interest to the commercial world. He has always based his business principles and actions upon strict adherence to the rules that govern industry, economy, and strict integrity. His progressive spirit has made

him a typical American in every sense of the word, and he well deserves mention in a work treating of the business life and substantial development of Chautauqua county.

Frank L. Kolpien was born in Westfield, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Oct. 30, 1868, eldest son of Frank and Dora (Lahl) Kolpien. He received a meager education in a district school which he was obliged to leave at the age of fourteen and go to work. For the first six years after leaving school he worked among the farms and vineyards in the townships of Westfield and Ripley, and then started his apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade, working at this until 1892, when he formed a partnership with Herman Hutchinson, this partnership continuing for a period of three years, at the end of which time, his partner removing to another city, he continued the business alone. Between the years 1895 and 1907 he developed a remarkably successful contracting business, employing a large number of men at a time, and besides building more than 200 residences in Dunkirk during these twelve years, he received contracts for the following buildings: Schools Nos. 1, 2, 4 and 5; the temple of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; St. John's Lutheran Church; beacon light on the pier and the keeper's dwelling; St. Hyacinth's Roman Catholic Church; the business block occupied by Weingart Hardware Company; additions to the Dunkirk Electric Light Plant; No. 4 Hose Fire House of the local fire department.

In 1907, Mr. Kolpien bought the M. J. O'Donnell planing mill and lumber yard, which he incorporated and of which he is president, treasurer and principal owner. He employs about thirty-five people, has his own delivery equipment, and ships lumber to Western New York, Western Pennsylvania, Eastern Ohio, New York City, Washington, District of Columbia, Cincinnati and Cleveland, Ohio. This business, which Mr. Kolpien has built up, is of very great value in the development of Dunkirk. A man of singularly strong personality, he has exerted a deep influence on his associates and subordinates, and toward the latter in particular his conduct has always been marked by a degree of kindness and consideration which has won for him their loyal support and hearty coöperation.

In politics, Mr. Kolpien is a Republican, and has served one term on the local Board of Health, but the engrossing duties of his business take all his time and he has never since consented to hold office. His church is the Methodist Episcopal, of which he has always been an active member, working in its cause, at present serving on the official board, and at the time of the erection of the new edifice was chairman of the building committee. He affiliates with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and with the Masons, being a member of Ironquoit Lodge, No. 301, Free and Accepted Masons; Dunkirk Chapter, No. 191, Royal Arch Masons; Dunkirk Council, No. 25, Royal and Select Masters; and Dunkirk Commandery, No. 40, Knights Templar. During the World War he did his share as a citizen, giving of his time to serve on the various committees for the Red Cross and the Liberty loans, and was also a member of the Legal Advisory Board.

He is also acting as director for the Lake Shore Loan Association.

Mr. Kolpien married, Sept. 14, 1893, Alice Bolling. Mr. and Mrs. Kolpien are the parents of three children: 1. Alton L., who while attending the University of Michigan in 1917 joined the Michigan Naval Militia and volunteered for active service as soon as war was declared; after training at the Great Lakes Training School, he became instructor of small arm fire at Wakefield, Mass., Norfolk, Va., Baltimore, Md.; he then transferred to the Aviation Corps, and after a technical training at Boston was commissioned ensign at Pensacola, Fla; he was subsequently sent to Queenstown, Ireland, as chief pilot, and served in this capacity until the end of the war, then being detailed to the Naval Officers' Reserve; he has returned to the University of Michigan, where he expects to graduate with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1922. 2. Esther, a graduate of Syracuse University. 3. Alma, now attending a seminary at Louisburg, W. Va.

Mr. Kolpien is in the best sense of the term a self-made man. He has made his way up the ladder of success until he has become one of the most substantial and influential citizens of the community whose life is inseparably identified with its general welfare. This simple account of his career, however, describes far more eloquently than any formal praise the splendid powers he possesses, especially if it be remembered that his ardent, sincere nature will not permit his undertaking anything which he is not prepared to do, any obligation which he cannot observe to the fullest. His labors are great but his powers are equal to their adequate performance.

**WILLIAM HENRY OTTAWAY**, who was one of the most influential citizens of Westfield, Chautauqua county, N. Y., and a prominent farmer of this region, was a member of one of the oldest county families. The name of Ottaway has long been associated with the town of Mina, the founder of the family here having settled in this region only seven years later than that of Alexander Findley, who was the first white man to locate in that part of the town of Clymer which afterwards became Mina.

The Ottaways were for many generations residents of County Kent, England, where James Ottaway, the first American ancestor, was born. He was a miller by trade and operated a mill in his native county, but being of an adventurous disposition and hearing many reports of the great opportunities awaiting young men of energy in the New World, he determined to emigrate. Accompanied by his wife, children and his brother, Horatio Ottaway, he sailed from England in 1823 with Western New York as his destination. Six weeks later he arrived at New York City, and at once proceeded up the Hudson River to Newburgh, which was the starting point of his long trip through the western wilderness. At Newburgh he purchased a large wagon and a team of horses which he loaded with the necessary supplies, and shortly afterwards embarked with his family upon what was then an exceedingly perilous journey. After many hardships and vicissitudes, he



finally reached Buffalo, at that time little more than a frontier town, and, leaving his family there, he set out to find a suitable location for a home. He was not successful, however, in finding anything to his liking in that immediate region, and accordingly he took up his journey once more and came to Chautauqua county, over the Buffalo & Erie road. Here he first located at Mayville, but shortly afterwards came to Mina, over the Waterford road, and here permanently settled. At that time the location of Mina was entirely covered by the virgin forest of Western New York, but Mr. Ottaway, perceiving that the soil was highly fertile, decided to make his home there and purchased a portion of lot No. 13, which he cleared of the timber and built a log cabin. His was the first deed given for land in the western part of Mina, and he was the first of the many English families that settled in that section, his house forming a sort of rendezvous for those who followed. He was a man of a very hospitable nature, and it is said of him that "his latch string was always out for his countrymen until their own log houses could be built." Eventually, after much hard labor, he cleared his property of the timber standing there and brought under cultivation a good farm, upon which his children were born and which is still in the possession of the family. James Ottaway was three times married and was the parent of the following children: James, William, Horace, mentioned below, Ann, Charles, Edmund, Joseph, Henry, John E., Susan, and Horatio.

Horace Ottaway, son of James Ottaway, was born on the family homestead at Mina, Chautauqua county, N. Y., where his childhood and early youth were spent. He subsequently removed to the town of Volusia, Westfield township, and there became the possessor of a large farm which he cultivated continuously until the time of his death. He married Sarah Noxon, a daughter of Lodema Noxon, who was also an early settler in this region, and among their children was William Henry, mentioned below.

William Henry Ottaway, son of Horace and Sarah (Noxon) Ottaway, was born May 2, 1854, on his father's farm at Volusia, Westfield township, Chautauqua county, N. Y., and died suddenly on his farm at Westfield, March 25, 1920. As a lad he attended the local district school, and assisted his father on the latter's farm, gaining at once great physical health and strength and a wide knowledge of agricultural methods, which stood him in good stead in later life. The farm where he was born consisted of 200 acres of excellent land, and was operated as a dairy farm, but has since been divided among the heirs of his father. Thirty-five acres of excellent farm land was afterwards purchased by Mr. Ottaway in the near neighborhood of the home place, and these he cultivated highly and grew grapes thereon with notable success. From 1894, when he first came into possession of it, until his death, the property improved continuously under his able management, and was regarded as one of the model vineyards in this region, where so many grapes are grown. Mr. Ottaway always maintained a lively interest in public affairs, and was a staunch supporter of the principles and policies of the Republican party, of which he was one of the leaders in this district. He also held a number of

important local offices, and served the community in the capacity of school trustee and tax collector. He was a member of the local grange, and was active in promoting the agricultural development of this region for many years. In his religious belief Mr. Ottaway was a Presbyterian, and attended the church of that denomination at Westfield.

William Henry Ottaway was united in marriage, Feb. 22, 1898, with Susie Reynolds, a native of England, a daughter of Henry and Cynthia Reynolds. She was but three years of age when her parents embarked for the United States, but the vessel was wrecked and both parents lost. She, however, was rescued and was taken by her rescuers to Portland, N. Y., where she grew up to womanhood and eventually met her husband.

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**JAMES L. BROWN**—The region comprised within the boundaries of Chautauqua county, N. Y., is doubly blessed, first, in possessing an unusually fertile and productive soil offering the splendid opportunities to farmers and agriculturists generally, second, in the presence there of men capable and anxious to take full advantage of these opportunities. For many years it has enjoyed an enviable reputation for the prosperous development of its natural resources, and for the progressive and yet stable character of its rural population. Typical of its sturdy citizens in all their best characteristics is James L. Brown, a resident of Ellicott township, Jamestown, where for some years he has carried on a successful milling business and taken conspicuous part in the general life of the place.

Mr. Brown was born Aug. 31, 1873, at Fluvanna, N. Y., a son of Alex. S. and Sarah (Hudson) Brown, natives and lifelong residents of that town. His childhood was passed at his father's home at Fluvanna, and during his early years he assisted the elder man with the lighter work on the home farm and there learned from practical experience the best agricultural methods. He also attended during the winter months the public schools of the district, gaining a good general education, and later engaged in the milling business of which he has subsequently made so great a success. At the present time he owns a large saw mill, where he shapes timber from the forests of the region into various forms of lumber for the local markets and does a large business in this line. He also operates a good sized cider mill, manufacturing vinegar in large quantities. The excellent quality of his products and the fairness and even liberality of all his business dealings have made Mr. Brown a highly esteemed figure in the community, as has also the public spirit he has displayed in its general life. He has taken a conspicuous part in the affairs of the township, and today occupies the responsible office of superintendent of the public highways for Ellicott. He is also a member of Lodge No. 585, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Bemus Point, and of Jamestown Encampment, No. 96, of the same order.

James L. Brown was united in marriage, Feb. 10, 1897, at Jamestown, with Grace Stevenson, a native of Rochester, N. Y., born July 4, 1878, a daughter of Frederick J. and Elizabeth A. (Doherty) Stevenson, of

that city. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are the parents of five children, as follows: Anna, born March 5, 1898; Sarah, born March 15, 1900; Alexander, born May 19, 1909; Grace Louise, born Jan. 16, 1914; and Irvin J., born Nov. 20, 1919.

**MYRON ALEXANDER WOOD**, successful farmer, well known among agriculturists throughout the county, has lived on the farm he now occupies for sixty-three years and throughout his years of manhood he has held manfully to the task of farming it, and of bringing it under complete cultivation. When his father first took the farm, in 1856, it was not very far advanced beyond the wild state; it is now a rich, well improved agricultural property of 190 acres, upon which are many substantial improvements—commodious barns, cow barns, milk houses, a fine residence, and a good tenant house. Upon the property is an extensive vineyard, and its arable land and pasturage are in excellent condition. Such a result was possible only by hard work, and in that work Myron Alexander Wood had good part.

He was born in Ripley, Chautauqua county, N. Y., April 21, 1850, son of Hiram and Almada (Winter) Wood. His father, Hiram Wood, first came into the county from Herkimer county, N. Y., in 1844, then locating in Ripley township. In 1856, he moved to the farm now occupied by the son, and by dint of hard work, in which he was helped by his son, developed it into a good property. His son, Myron A., attended the district school until he had passed through its grades, and then devoted his entire time to tasks upon his father's farm. His father died in 1890, so that for the last twenty-nine years Myron A. Wood has been wholly responsible for the upkeep of the property. He has not only maintained it in good condition, but has improved it very considerably, and most of the modern improvements upon the property were undertaken by him.

Mr. Wood has always been interested in local affairs, and might have had many offices, had he been minded to stand for election, but apart from the responsibilities of school trustee and collector of taxes, he has not taken official part in the local administration, and he has held no office in national politics, neither has he sought office, although he has been a loyal Republican for the greater part of his life. Fraternaly, he belongs to the Masonic body, being identified with a Westfield lodge. His life, lived wholly within the county, and for the greater part of the time connected with responsible affairs, has been commendable; from his early manhood he has shown a steadiness and stability of purpose that has marked him as a worthy Chautauqua county agriculturist. He has endeavored to be fair and honorable in all his dealings, and he has a good name in the district.

Myron A. Wood is unmarried, but his sister, Catherine, keeps house for him. His other relatives of same generation are his sisters: Mrs. John R. Rogers, Mrs. Abbie Henderson, and Mrs. Rose Herron, and his half-brother, Hiram D. Wood.

**FRANK MARVIN CLARK**—Prominent in the professional and mercantile life of Jamestown for thirty-five years is Frank Marvin Clark, the well known phar-

maceutical chemist and merchant. He is a member of a very old and distinguished English family, and traces his ancestry to John Clark, of Westhorpe, England, of whom further.

The name Clark is derived from the Latin *clericus*. This word at first meant a person in Orders (whether holy orders or minor orders); later anyone who had been educated by the clergy; and finally anyone who could read and write. As a surname Clark or Clarke is probably as old as the eleventh century. Instances are recorded where other surnames were changed to Clark, probably as being more honorable. Not less than thirty Clark (e) families settled in New England colonies before 1700; there were, in fact, twelve Thomas Clarks in New England between 1623 and 1680, and the Clark of Mayflower fame, who came with the Pilgrim Fathers to Plymouth in 1620. The ancestry is traced to the parish of Westhorpe, Suffolk county, England. In the earlier generations, as by many of the present day descendants, the name is spelled with the final "e."

The coat-of-arms of the Clark family is as follows:

Arms—Gules, two bars argent in chief three escallops or.

Crest—An escallop quarterly gules and or.

John Clark, of Westhorpe, the first member of this family of whom we have knowledge, was buried March 3, 1559. Children: John, of whom further; Thomas, baptized Jan. 4, 1553, buried May 10, 1588.

John (2) Clark, son of John (1) Clark, of Westhorpe, was baptized Feb. 11, 1541, died April 4, 1598. He married Catherine, daughter of John Cooke, who was baptized Feb. 12, 1546, died March 27, 1598. Children: John, born April 25, 1569, buried Dec. 9, 1594; Thomas, of whom further; Carewe, baptized March 17, 1577; Margaret, born June 8, 1579; Mary, baptized Sept. 21, 1581.

Thomas Clark, son of John (2) Clark, of Westhorpe, was born Nov. 1, 1570, died July 29, 1627. He married Rose Herrige, or Kerige, who died Sept. 19, 1627. Children: Margaret, born Feb. 1, 1600; Carewe, born Feb. 3, 1602, married Datre, surname unknown; Thomas, born or baptized March 31, 1605, died Dec. 2, 1674, married Jane, surname unknown; Mary, baptized July 17, 1607, died in 1648, married John Peckham; Rev. John; William, baptized Feb. 11, 1611; Joseph, of whom further. Of these children, Carewe, Thomas, Mary, John and Joseph, all came to America, but of these four sons only Joseph left issue.

Joseph Clark, son of Thomas and Rose Clark, the immigrant, was born in England, Dec. 9, 1618, and died at Newport, R. I., June 1, 1694. He evidently left England about 1637, and settled immediately in Rhode Island, being elected an inhabitant of the Rhode Island colony and becoming a member of the Roger Williams' settlement. On March 17, 1641, he was made a freeman; in 1644, he was one of the original members of the Baptist church of Newport, of which his brother, Rev. John Clark, was made minister. He was mentioned by name in the charter granted by King Charles II. He seemed to have lived for a while at Westerly, but to have returned to Newport, where he held many important offices. He married twice; his second wife, Margaret, died at Newport in 1694. Children: 1. Joseph, born Feb. 11, 1642; married (first) Bethiah Hubbard; (second) Hannah (Weeden-Clarke) Peckham. 2. William, died Sept. 30, 1683; married Hannah Weeden. 3. Mary, died 1695; married Tobias

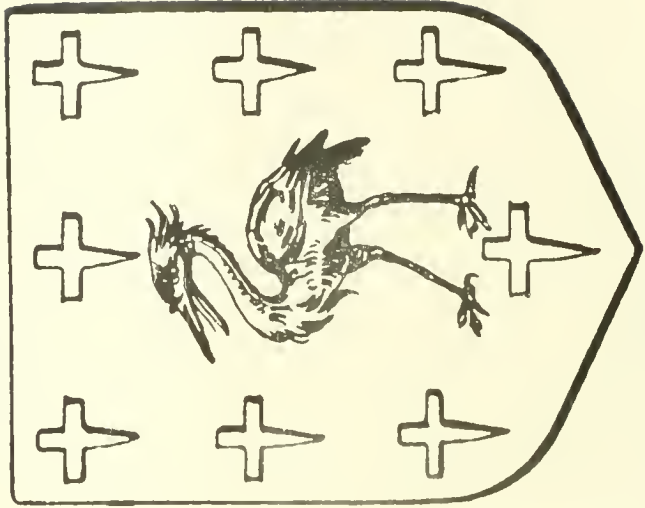




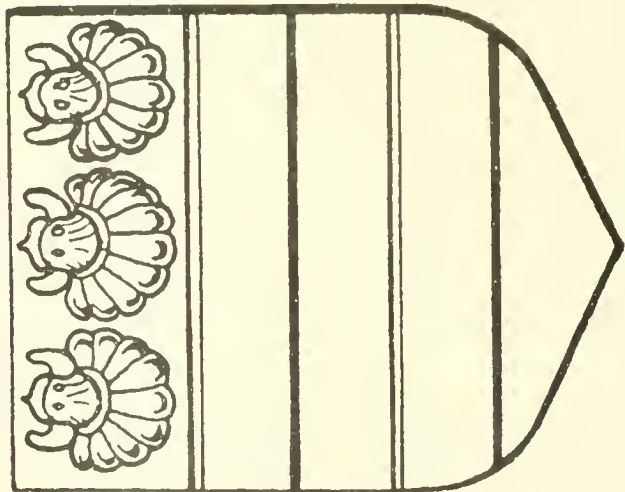
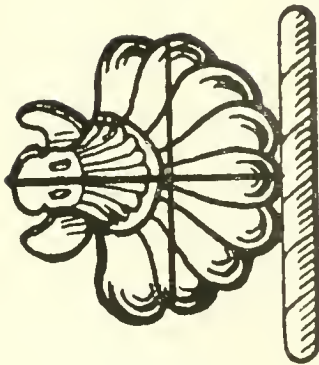
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Saunders. 4. Sarah, born Jan. 29, 1663; married Thomas Reynolds. 5. John, died April 11, 1704. 6. Susanna. 7. Joshua, married Alice Phillips. 8. Thomas, died in 1705; married Elizabeth. 9. Carewe or Cary (in this family Carewe, Carew, Cary and Carey are to be regarded as the same name), of whom further. 10. Elizabeth, married William Peckham.

Carewe Clark, son of Joseph Clark, married Ann Dyer. Among his children was a son, Carewe (2), born Sept. 20, 1695. He also had three grandsons bearing forms of this name, and it is probable that Carey Clark, of whom further, was either his grandson or great-grandson.

Carey Clark, grandson or great-grandson of Carewe (2) Clark, was the progenitor of the line traced below. He removed from Providence, R. I., to the vicinity of Crooked Lake, Genesee (now Yates) county, N. Y., and there passed the remainder of his days. He lived to the patriarchal age of one hundred years, and was never sick a day in his life. It is said that the day before his death he showed his sons how they used to dance the old-fashioned breakdown. Children: 1. Carey, of whom further. 2. George, resided in Yates county, N. Y., and raised a family of five children: John, George, Orlando, Olive, and Azuba. 3. Thankful, married John Bentley, a soldier of the Revolution, and lived in Chautauqua county; they had a son, Solomon. 4. William, married Cynthia Moon, and had a son, Arvin, who lived in Chautauqua county, and whose children were: Laura, William Nicholas, and a son whose name is unknown. 5. ———, married ——— Dawley, and had a son, Benjamin. 6. Thomas, married and reared a large family, among whom were sons: Thomas, John, and George.

Carey (2) Clark, son of Carey (1) Clark, was born at Kingston, R. I., about 1765, and died in 1857. He was a large, active, strong man, and retained his faculties in all their vigor to the last. He removed with his brother Thomas to Swanton, Vt., near the foot of Lake Champlain. In the War of 1812, when his sons William and Benoni were drafted for the fight at Plattsburg, he rowed in a boat to that place in order to be on hand if they should be killed or wounded, but no harm came to the young soldiers. In 1822, he accompanied his son Warren to Ellicott township, Chautauqua county, N. Y., where he settled on heavily timbered land, which he cleared, and it is still in the possession of the family. He married (first) in 1791, Dorcas Moon, who died in 1810. The name of his second wife is unknown; she died in 1845. Children, all by first wife: 1. Lucy. 2. Louise. 3. William G., born July 22, 1795, died Dec. 23, 1861; married, and had the following children: Lucinda, William A., Mahala, Arsula, Melissa, Esther and Cary. 4. Benoni. 5. Caleb, born Jan. 6, 1799, died Feb. 14, 1862; married, 1824, Elizabeth Taylor, and had children: Riley G., Cary D., Phebe, Sylvester, Merritt, Nery, Leland. 6. Cary, born Jan. 6, 1799, died Sept. 3, 1866; married, and had the following children: Harriet A., Warren M., William, Sylvester, Lucy, Morgan, Albert, Roxey A. 7. Mary. 8. Warren, of whom further.

Warren Clark, son of Carey (2) and Dorcas (Moon) Clarke, was born at Swanton, Vt., April 11, 1804, and died at his home near Jamestown, N. Y., Dec. 10, 1877. He came to Chautauqua county with his father and mother in 1822, and helped to clear the old homestead

farm. He married, June 24, 1821, Sibyl, daughter of Jonathan Corey, who was born at Bennington, Vt., March 24, 1791. Children of Warren and Sibyl (Corey) Clark: Mahala, born in 1822, died in 1912; Marvin Dudley, of whom further; Minerva, born 1826, died 1869; Charles Wesley, born 1837, married Martha Putnam (see Putnam line). Two other children, who did not reach maturity.

Marvin Dudley Clark, son of Warren and Sibyl (Corey) Clark, was born on the old homestead in the township of Ellicott, Chautauqua county, N. Y., July 10, 1824, and died Dec. 15, 1901. He received a good education, and after leaving school followed the agricultural business, continuing in that occupation throughout his entire life. His estate consisted of 270 acres, purchased by his father and grandfather from the Holland Land Company. Mr. Clark was considered one of the most successful farmers in Chautauqua county, and he was noted for his fine stock and high grade grains. He also had a tract of fine timber which he made into lumber, and the present fine residence on the estate which is now owned by his son, Frank M. Clark, was erected by him. In political affiliation he was a staunch Republican, but never cared for office. Religiously he was liberally inclined, not a member of any church, but being a good singer, was a member of various church choirs. His wife was a member of the Baptist church.

On Jan. 1, 1851, Mr. Clark married Rosina Putnam, a daughter of Rev. Oren and Alvira (Scotfield) Putnam, who was born in Stockton, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Jan. 7, 1832, and died in Buffalo, N. Y., May 8, 1909 (see Putnam line). They were the parents of three children: 1. Cassius Eugene, born Nov. 10, 1856; married Ida Bowen, and resides at Jamestown, N. Y.; their children are: Alene and Dudley. 2. Frank Marvin, of whom further. 3. Mary Rosalind, born Feb. 9, 1872; married Eugene D. Smith, and their children are: Delight, Gladys, and Violet.

Frank Marvin Clark, son of Marvin Dudley and Rosina (Putnam) Clark, was born on the old homestead in the township of Ellicott, Chautauqua county, N. Y., April 2, 1863. He received his early education in the district schools of his township, and later, at the age of sixteen, came to Jamestown, N. Y., where he attended the high school, from which he was graduated with the class of 1883. After school hours, Mr. Clark acted as clerk in the drug store of Henderson & Putnam, and while there conceived the desire to become a pharmacist. Accordingly, in the fall of 1883, he entered the pharmacy department of the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor. He was graduated from this institution with the class of 1885, holding the degree of Pharmaceutical Chemist, the highest degree held by any druggist in Western New York. He holds the first certificate issued by examination by the New York State Board of Pharmacy that was granted in Jamestown. After the completion of his education, Mr. Clark accepted a position with his old employers, Henderson & Putnam, and continued there until 1886. In November, 1886, he formed a partnership with his brother, Cassius E. Clark, and Edward A. Tupper, to operate a drug store at No. 11 East Third street, Jamestown, under the firm name of Clark Brothers & Tupper. Mr. Tupper was a room and classmate at the University of Michigan. They continued at this location until 1891, the Clark brothers

previously purchasing Mr. Tupper's interest, and then removed to the present location at the corner of Third and Main streets. This business has grown to such an extent that it is known throughout Western New York and the store is one of the best equipped and largest throughout this part of the State. In addition to the drug business, Mr. Clark also handles a general book and stationery business. In 1902, Mr. Clark purchased his brother's interest in the business, and now conducts the business alone. For ten years he conducted an up-to-date drug store at Chautauqua, N. Y. He is one of the directors of the Ellicott Drug Company (wholesale), of Buffalo, N. Y., and for two years was president of that company. During the World War, Mr. Clark was enrolling agent of the United States Merchant Marine for Jamestown and the surrounding territory, and he was one of the few "Dollar Men" in the service of the government in Chautauqua county. The article contained in this history of the Merchant Marine has been contributed by him for historical reference.

Politically, Mr. Clark is a staunch Republican, but never cared for the emoluments of office. Fraternally, he is a member of the various Masonic bodies, including Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 145, Free and Accepted Masons; Western Sun Chapter, No. 67, Royal Arch Masons; Jamestown Commandery, No. 61, Knights Templar; Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; Buffalo Consistory, York and Scottish Rite Masons. He is also a member of the New York State Pharmaceutical Association; the American Microscopical Society; the Alpha Chapter of the Phi Delta Chi, college fraternity of Ann Arbor, Mich., and was formerly a member of the Thirteenth Separate Company, of the New York State Militia. At a meeting of the New York State Pharmaceutical Association, which was attended by eminent professors of chemistry, doctors of medicine, and leading druggists of the State, Mr. Clark was awarded the first prize for recognition of the largest number of growing medicinal plants there on display.

Mr. Clark married, Dec. 30, 1891, Mabel Hartan, born in Philadelphia, April 28, 1873, a daughter of John and Mary (Gilhooley) Hartan. Mrs. Clark was educated at Beaver College, Beaver, Pa., and the Pittsburgh Female Seminary. She has been active in various charity movements in Jamestown, being one of the organizers of the Warner Home for the Aged, its first secretary, and a charter member of the board of managers. She is a member of the Mozart Club; the Avon Club, of which she was one time treasurer; and the Young Women's Christian Association. To this union two children were born: 1. Donald Marvin, born Nov. 12, 1892, died Sept. 22, 1893. 2. Fitzgerald Hartan, born April 22, 1894; he was educated in the Jamestown public schools, afterwards taking a post-graduate course at Jamestown High School before entering college, and graduating in 1912 with honors. During his high school career he was foremost in athletic sports, and was captain of the basketball team for two years, and as a member of the track team he held a record as a pole-vaulter in intercollegiate meets; he entered the University of Michigan in 1912, and pursued a course in literature and chemistry, afterwards taking up medicine and surgery, graduating in the class of 1920 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine; at college he was also active in

athletics, being a member of the track team, president of Phi Rho Sigma, medical fraternity, and member of Alpha Tau Omega, college fraternity; during the World War he enlisted in Detroit, Mich., and was held in reserve while completing his course in medicine, and was honorably discharged in 1919; at present (1921) he is specializing in children's diseases and dermatology at the Children's Free and Harper hospitals in Detroit, being on the medical staffs. He is a member of Mt. Moriah Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Jamestown.

#### The Putnam Line.

The lineage of the family of Putnam is traced to John Putnam, the immigrant, ancestor of several prominent citizens of the early days of Massachusetts and the New England colonies, among them being General Israel Putnam and Colonel Rufus Putnam, chief engineer of the army of defense under General Washington. The name comes from Puttonham, a place in England, and this perhaps from the Flemish word "putte," a well; plural—putten; and ham, signifying home, the whole indicating a settlement by a well.

The coat-of-arms of the Putnam family is as follows:

Arms—Sable, between eight crosses crosslet-fitchee (or crusily-fitchee) argent, a stork of the last, beaked and legged gules.

Crest—A wolf's head gules.

John Putnam, of Aston Abbots, county of Bucks, England, the founder of this family, was born about 1580, and died at Salem Village (now Danvers), Mass., Dec. 30, 1662. He came to New England about 1634, and settled on a farm since known as "Oak Knoll," at Danvers, where the poet, Whittier, made his home during his last years. He was a farmer and very prosperous for those times. In 1647, he was admitted to the church, and was made a freeman in the same year, but he was a man of standing in the community before that time. He married Priscilla Gould, and their children were as follows: Elizabeth, Thomas, of whom further; John, Nathaniel, Sara, Phoebe, John.

Lieutenant Thomas Putnam, second child and first son of John and Priscilla (Gould) Putnam, was baptized at Aston Abbots, England, March 7, 1615, and died at Salem Village, Mass., May 5, 1686. He had a good education, and was very wealthy. In 1640, he was an inhabitant of Lynn, Mass.; was made a freeman in 1642, and selectman in 1643. In the last mentioned year he was admitted to the church at Salem. He held several other important offices. He married (first) Anne, daughter of Edward and Prudence (Stockton) Holyoke; she died Sept. 1, 1665. He married (second) Mary Veren, who died in March, 1695. Children by first wife: Ann, Sarah, Mary, Thomas, Edward, of whom further; Deliverance, Elizabeth, Prudence. Child by second wife: Joseph.

Deacon Edward Putnam, son of Thomas and Anne (Holyoke) Putnam, was born at Salem Village, July 4, 1654, and died at Salem Village, March 10, 1747. He was a man of good education, and engaged in the farming occupation. He was a deacon of the church at Danvers, and figured prominently in the witchcraft trials. He married, June 14, 1681, Mary Hale, and their children were as follows: Edward, Holyoke, Elisha, of whom further; Joseph, Mary, Prudence, Nehemiah, Ezra, Isaac, Abigail.



Deacon Elisha Putnam, son of Deacon Edward and Mary (Hale) Putnam, was born at Salem Village, Nov. 3, 1685, and died at Sutton, Mass., June 10, 1745. He was a farmer, and for several years was a deacon of the church. He served as town clerk, town treasurer, and representative in the General Court of Massachusetts. He married (first) at Salem, Feb. 10, 1710, Hannah Marble. He married (second) Susannah Fuller, of Topsfield, Mass. Children, all by second wife: Elisha, of whom further; Hannah, Nehemiah, Jonathan, Susannah, Mary, Stephen, Amos, Eunice, Huldah, Rufus.

Elisha (2) Putnam, son of Deacon Elisha (1) and Susannah (Fuller) Putnam, was born at Topsfield, Mass., Dec. 2, 1715, and died at Crown Point, N. Y., in 1758. He was at that time a soldier in the Provincial army, in the campaign against Ticonderoga. He married March 3, 1742, Lydia Chase, daughter of Philip and Mary (Follansbee) Chase, who was born Aug. 12, 1722. She married (second) John Daniels. Children of first marriage: Andrew, of whom further; Elisha, Antipas, Jokton, Luke, William.

Andrew Putnam, son of Elisha (2) and Lydia (Chase) Putnam, was born at Sutton, Mass., May 6, 1743, and died at Townsend, Mass., aged over seventy years. He owned and cultivated a farm at Greenfield, and fitted young men for college. About 1794, he removed to Townsend. He was a fine-looking man, six feet, two inches in height, and his wife was said to have been the handsomest girl who ever entered the Sutton meeting house. He married, Jan. 10, 1764, Lucy Parks, of Sutton, who died at Townsend, aged over seventy years. Children: Lydia, Eunice, Andrew, of whom further; Malachi, Sarah, Peter, Stephen, David, Elizabeth, Sally, Lucy, Mary.

The "Daughters of the American Revolution Lineage Book," vol. 37, page 334, has the following: "Andrew Putnam (1742-1812) served as selectman of Greenfield, where he moved in 1780. He served on the committee to furnish quota of beef to the army, 1781. He was born in Sutton; died in Townsend."

Andrew (2) Putnam, son of Andrew (1) and Lucy (Parks) Putnam, was born at Winchester, Mass., March 11, 1769, and died June 4, 1828. He settled at Stockton, Chautauqua county, N. Y. He married, at Greenfield, Mass., Dec. 7, 1791, Azuba, daughter of Samuel Stanhope. Children: Harriet, Newell, Gilbert, Lovell, Hiram, Olvin, Oren, of whom further; Royal and Union (twins), and Worthy.

Rev. Oren Putnam, son of Andrew (2) and Azuba (Stanhope) Putnam, was born at Brookfield, Madison county, N. Y., Jan. 5, 1807, and died at Ellicott, Chautauqua county, N. Y., at the age of eighty-seven years. He was a Baptist minister, and lived the most of his life in Chautauqua county. He settled and resided until 1856 near his father-in-law, Shadrach Scofield, in the southwest part of the township of Stockton, where he set out a large orchard which still bears excellent fruit. This section was "beech and maple" land, and he produced quantities of maple sugar and pearlash. He also kept a fine dairy and marketed butter and cheese. After disposing of this farm, he resided at various times at Ellington, Frewsburg, and Sinclairville, N. Y., and finally with his daughters, Mrs. Marvin D. Clark and Mrs. Alvin Strunk, at Ellicott, where he died at the latter's home.

Rev. Oren Putnam married Alvira Scofield, daughter of Shadrach and Betsey (Waterbury) Scofield, who survived him about four years, and died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. Wesley Clark, near Fluvanna, N. Y. Shadrach Scofield, Samuel Waterbury, and Daniel Waterbury (son of Samuel) came from Saratoga county, N. Y., and in 1810 made the first settlement in the southern part of the township of Stockton. Samuel Waterbury had been a Revolutionary soldier; Shadrach Scofield afterward served at Buffalo, in the War of 1812. Shadrach Scofield owned a considerable amount of property, and conducted a general mercantile business at what is now designated as Denton Corners. He married (first) Betsey Waterbury, daughter of Samuel and Rachel (Scofield) Waterbury; she was, on her mother's side, a distant relative. He married (second) Mrs. Dalriddle, a widow with one child; they afterward removed to a place near Janesville, Wis., where he died. Children of Shadrach and Betsey (Waterbury) Scofield: 1. Alvira, born in 1807, died in 1898; she taught for some time in one of the first schools in the northern part of Ellery township; she married, Rev. Oren Putnam. 2. Polly, married Henry Le Barren, of Dewittville, and they had four children: Orlando, Betsey, Hixen, Horace; Orlando had one son, Hixon, one daughter, Horace, three children. Children of Rev. Oren and Alvira (Scofield) Putnam: 1. Luman, a soldier in the Civil War; married Lavina Vanderwark and had children: Mary, Celestia, Emily, Frank. 2. Betsey Cordelia, married William Lee; removed to Cokato, Minn.; children: Marion, deceased; Fayette, Eugene; Marvin, deceased; Viola, deceased; Charles, deceased; James, Edwin. 3. Rosina, married Marvin Dudley Clark, and they are the parents of Frank Marvin Clark. 4. Mary Ann, married Americus Sanders, who is now deceased; she resides at Maynard, Iowa. 5. Martha, married Charles Wesley Clark, brother of Marvin Dudley Clark; children: Myron, married Cora Thompson, and has Lucille, Alta, Irene; De Forest, married Mary Langhenberger, one child, Roscoe W.; Almon, married Clara Magee, one child, Charles; Minnie, married David Green. 6. Maria, married Alvin Strunk; resides at Ellicott; one child, Bert Clarence, married Mertie Brunson; no living children.

**JUDSON SHEFFIELD WRIGHT**—Said the "Journal of Education" under date of Dec. 9, 1920:

The fact that President Judson S. Wright, of Falconer, led the State campaign for legislative action culminating in the most remarkable achievement through salary increase, in the world's history, was to make him appreciated to the limit by all New York teachers. Incidentally Mr. Wright was on November 2, elected to the State Assembly, and the Falconer district has asked him to take a leave of absence during the legislative session and then return to the Superintendency of the Sixth Supervisory District of Chautauqua County.

For more than a quarter of a century Mr. Wright has been identified with the educational life of the village of Falconer, Chautauqua county, and New York State. He has left an indelible impress upon his times, and he is widely and favorably known as one of the leading educators of New York, for his reputation is state-wide as the foregoing quotation shows, although Teachers' State Salary bill is but one of the measures he has ably championed in behalf of the teachers of his State.

Mr. Wright is a grandson of Daniel Wright, an early settler of the town of Villenova, Chautauqua county, N. Y., in whose honor the village of Wrights Corners was named, and there he built the first hotel. Daniel Wright was succeeded in Villenova by his son, Daniel (2) Wright, a farmer and influential citizen. Daniel (2) Wright married Florence Sheffield, born in the town of Cherry Creek, and they were the parents of Judson Sheffield Wright, the principal character in this review.

Judson S. Wright was born in the town of Villenova, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Sept. 14, 1868. He attended the public school at Wrights Corners, advancing to Gowanda High School, going thence to the State Normal School at Fredonia, N. Y., there taking a four years' classical course and graduating with honors, class of 1892. The following September, Mr. Wright began his long connection with the public schools of Falconer, and Chautauqua county. For ten years, 1892-1902, he was principal of Falconer public school, then for nine years was successively elected commissioner of the third of three supervisory districts into which the schools of the county were then divided. On Jan. 1, 1912, he was elected superintendent of the sixth supervisory district, the number of districts into which the schools of the county are divided having doubled. The sixth district includes the villages of Falconer, Celoron, Sinclairville, Cassadaga, Stockton, Gerry, Bemus Point, and the district schools in the surrounding country. That responsible position Mr. Wright yet holds (1920), and in addition to the duties of his office has been active in village and county affairs, not only as an educator, but as a business man and citizen.

He was one of the organizers and one time president of the Field & Wright Furniture Company, of Jamestown, N. Y., and held similar relation to the Falconer Milling Company; he was also one of the founders and is a member of the board of directors of the First National Bank of Falconer. For ten years he was president of the incorporated village of Falconer, and in 1920 was elected representative from the First Chautauqua district and is serving in the present Legislature (1921). In politics he is a Republican, and in religious connection affiliates with the Methodist Episcopal church of Falconer, his interest in that church active and helpful.

Mr. Wright came into State prominence through his interest in legislation affecting public schools and teachers, he becoming a leader in the greatest legislative educational campaign ever conducted in the State. He advocated and energetically worked for the passage of the Teachers' State Salary bill, the Public Moneys bill, the Teachers' Actuarial Retirement Fund bill, and the Normal Schools Reorganization bill. He was masterful in planning, alert in meeting emergencies, good natured under fire, and skillful in managing political forces in the profession and in the Legislature. He was one time president of the Chautauqua County Teachers' Association, held the same high office in the New York State Association of School Commissions, and in the Teachers' Association of New York, an association that represents about 58,000 teachers throughout New York State. It was at the annual meeting of the last named association, held in Rochester, N. Y., Nov. 22-24, 1920, that the teachers of the State made a free-will offering of a magnificent sum of money to President Wright in

appreciation of the winning battle he had fought for in their behalf; another honor was conferred upon Mr. Wright in April, 1920, in his appointment by Governor Smith to represent the State of New York at the National Educational Conference held at Washington, D. C. During the period of war between the United States and Germany, 1917-18, he was very active in committee work and participated in all Liberty Loan, Red Cross, United War Work and Community Chest drives. In fraternal relation he is affiliated with Chadakoin Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Falconer.

Mr. Wright married, at Forestville, N. Y., June 22, 1903, Effa L. Manley, born there, daughter of Francis S. and Hannah (Shearer) Manley, her father born at Plattsburg, her mother at Saratoga Springs, N. Y. Mr. Manley came to Chautauqua county when a young man, and engaged in farming until his retirement. He married Hannah Shearer, in Forestville, and there they resided until death. Mr. and Mrs. Wright are the parents of two daughters: Marjorie Florence, now a student at Oberlin College, Ohio; and Genevieve Elizabeth, a Falconer High School student, preparing for college.

The foregoing reveals Mr. Wright as a man thoroughly devoted to the cause of public education, a cause to which he has given all the mature years of his life. Falconer, Chautauqua county, and New York State schools and school teachers have felt the benefit of his intelligent interest and his devotion to practical ideas and ideals as regards schools and their relation to the public good, and for his manful stand in behalf of fair salaries for teachers.

**BAILEY TABLE COMPANY**—This is one of the oldest woodworking establishments in the city, having been founded at Silver Creek, N. Y., over forty years ago, when Beman P. Sold began the manufacture of marble top tables, subsequently moving to Jamestown, and beginning the manufacture of the same product. Seven years later, however, the business was sold to a company which was formed under the name of Beman, Breed & Phillips, with the following directors and stockholders: J. M. Beman, Charles Breed and Hurley L. Phillips. In 1886 the name was changed to Morgan, Maddox & Company, and later was again changed to Maddox, Bailey & Company. In 1898 the company was incorporated under the name of Bailey-Jones Company.

The company long ago discontinued the manufacture of marble top tables and began making all wood tables. The superior quality of their goods met with the approval of the trade, and the business grew to extensive proportions. Their product is of the highest grade, tables and dining room suites. The company has two large buildings, one six-story and one five-story, besides kilns and lumber storage sheds. The plant is located at Winsor and Harrison streets, and is equipped with all the latest steam and electric equipment. It employs nearly 300 people. In 1904 the company name was again changed to the Bailey Table Company, and now has the following officers: President and treasurer, B. M. Bailey; vice-president, Milton Bailey; secretary, William S. Bailey; assistant secretary and assistant treasurer, N. W. Bailey; the first three of these are the company's directors. The company is a member of the Manufacturers' Association of Jamestown.







*Frank D Barney.*

**FRANK DURAND BARNEY**—This ancient family was denominated from the town of Berney, near Wallingham, county of Norfolk, where they were seated about the time of the Conquest and have ever since been of considerable note. In some ancient writings which belonged to the Priory of Byham:

(I) A Roger de Berney is found mentioned as Lord Berney; also

(II) Sir Henry de Berney, Knight, his son, whose son,

(III) Richard de Berney, by Catherine, daughter of Roger Gydney, Esq., had issue,

(IV) Richard de Berney, who lived at Berney, 1268, and was father of

(V) John de Berney, who resided chiefly in the city of Norwich, had his capital messuage there, called Berney's Inn, which was another of the same name that came into the family with the estates at Reedham by marriage very soon after this time, and has continued in it ever since. This John de Berney married Joan, daughter and heiress of Bartholomew de Witchingham, Esq. He left issue by her.

(VI) John de Berney, who resided at Witchingham. He was one of the citizens for Norwich in the Parliament held at York, 9 Edward III, also he, with Robert Clare, Esq., were the king's commissioners before an inquest was taken upon a writ of *ad quod dampnum* concerning the fee of the castle of Norwich, 19 Edward III. In the following year he was elected one of the Knights of the Shire for the County of Norfolk, as he was again, two years afterwards, 22 Edward III, together with the said Robert Clare, Esq., and were allowed £14 10s for thirty-four days' attendance. He also served in Parliament, 31 Edward III, and for attending thirty-two days had £6 8s allowed for his expenses. His first wife was Sarah, daughter of Bartholomew Batman, and his second wife, Catherine, daughter of Peter Bedingfield, Esq. He left two sons, Robert and Thomas.

(VII) Thomas de Berney, second son of the above mentioned John Berney de Witchingham, who was afterwards knighted, married Margaret, daughter and heiress of Sir Robert Caston, knight, of a very ancient family seated at Reedham, in Norfolk, at the time of the Conqueror's survey. By this marriage, besides several other estates and lordships, he had the manor of Reedham, whither he removed in the reign of Edward III from Witchingham, which continued the seat of his elder brother, Sir Robert, and his descendants, as above mentioned, and Reedham became the seat of this branch of the family.

(VIII) John Berney de Reedham, his son and heir, married Isabel, daughter and heiress of Sir John Herringham, Knight, and died *anno* 1440, leaving issue three sons.

(IX) Thomas Berney de Reedham, the eldest son by Eva, daughter of John Clipsby, Esq., left issue:

(X) John Berney, of Reedham, who married Catharine, daughter of Osbert Munford, of Hockwold, whose son and heir,

(XI) John Berney de Reedham, married (first) a daughter of Richard Southwell, Esq., and afterwards a daughter of John Wentworth, of Suffolk, leaving issue:

(XII) John de Berney, of Reedham, whose first wife was Margaret, daughter of William Reade, of Beccles, in Suffolk, and his second wife, Alice, daughter of Rich-

ard Joyner, and relict of Paul Syndor, of Kent, Esq.; he died 1557, leaving issue.

(XIII) Henry Berney de Reedham, who, in the reign of Philip and Mary, removed the old seat of the family which stood near the church at Reedham, into the park there, in which he built a magnificent house and made very large gardens, *anno* 1577, calling it Park-hall in Reedham. He died 1584, having a numerous issue by Alice, his first wife, daughter of Roger Appleton, of Comb, in Essex, and Agnes, his second, who was daughter of Walter Clarke, of Hadley, in Suffolk, England, and heiress of her brother Edward.

(XIV) Sir Thomas Berney de Reedham, Knight, his eldest son and heir, was high sheriff of Norfolk, 7 James I, 1609, and died 1616, leaving issue by Juliana, daughter of Sir Thomas Gaudy, of Redenhall, in Norfolk, Knight, one of the justices of the Common Pleas; several children.

(XV) Sir Richard Berney de Reedham, the third son of Sir Thomas, by his two elder brothers dying without issue became his heir, and was created a Baronet, May 5, 1620, the eighteenth of James I. He was high sheriff of Norfolk the twentieth of the same king, 1622, and died 1668. By Anne, daughter of Michael Smallpage, of Chichester in Sussex, Esq., besides four daughters he had five sons. He left all his estates at Reedham and elsewhere belonging to the family to his second son, Richard Berney de Reedham, Esq., who was twice high sheriff of Norfolk, 14 Charles II, 1662, and also the twenty-second of the same king, 1670.

(XVI) Sir Thomas Berney, of Norwich, Bart, eldest son of Sir Richard, by Sarah, his second wife, daughter of Thomas Tyrrel, of Essex, Esq., Governor of Land-guard Fort on the restoration of Charles II, had several children.

(XVII) Sir Richard Berney, of Kirby Bedon, Bart, his chief son and heir, who married Dorothy, daughter of William Branthwayte, of Hethel, Esq., had a numerous issue. Sir Richard died 1709, and was succeeded in title and estate by his eldest son and heir.

(XVIII) Sir Richard Berney, of Kirby Bedon, who died unmarried 1710, at the age of twenty-two years, by which means the title and estate descended to

(XIX) Sir Thomas Berney, of Kirby Bedon, his next brother, who married Elizabeth, only daughter and heiress of Simon Folkes, of Suffolk, Esq., by Elizabeth, his wife, who was daughter and one of the co-heiresses of Samuel Hanson, of the Island of Barbadoes, Esq., by whom a plantation called Hanson's in that island came into the family. He died 1742, and left issue only two sons, Hanson, his successor, and Richard; four other children died in their infancy.

(XX) Sir Hanson Kirby Bedon, the twentieth male heir in a lineal descent from Roger de Berney, succeeded his father, Sir Thomas, in title and estate.

The family bears arms as follows:

Arms—Quarterly, first, per pale azure and gules, a cross engrailed ermine; second, gules, a chevron argent, between three eagles displayed of the second; fourth, argent, on a canton gules a cross or. In the honor chiefpoint an inescutcheon argent, charged with the hands of Nestor.

Crest—A plume of six ostrich feathers, alternately azure and gules.

Motto—Nil temere neque timore.

Branches made their homes in other parts of England, and Edward Barney, of Braderham, Bucks county, England, in his will dated 1643, makes a bequest to his son Jacob "if he is living at the time of my death and come over to England." This son Jacob was, from all indications, the ancestor of the first Barneys of America, and came from Swansea, Wales, to Salem, Mass., about 1630. He resided in that town, where he was a tailor, was made freeman, May 14, 1634, and was representative to the General Court in 1635-38-47-53.

(I) Jacob Barney, his eldest son, became a Baptist minister, founded churches at Charlestown and Swansea, Mass., and was among the founders of the First Baptist Church of Boston in 1668. He moved from Salem, Mass., and resided in Bristol (now Rhode Island), and Rehoboth, Mass., where his will was made July 13, 1692, and proved Feb. 20, of the following year. He was twice married, first to Hannah Johnson, and second to Ann Witt.

(II) Joseph Barney, son of the second marriage of Jacob (2) Barney, was born in Salem, March 9, 1673, resided for a time in Swansea, and later in Rehoboth, where he died Feb. 5, 1731. He was a lieutenant in the militia. He married Constance Davis, and had eight children, the second Daniel.

(III) Daniel Barney, born in 1697, married Alice (or Freelove) Wheaton, daughter of Ephraim Wheaton, and granddaughter of Elder Robert Wheaton, and had children, the second, Constant.

(IV) Constant Barney, born in 1731, married Hannah, surname unknown, and moved from Rehoboth, Mass., to Arlington, Vt. He served in the American army in the Revolutionary War.

(V) Daniel Barney, born June 17, 1766, married Polly Aylsworth, born Sept. 7, 1770, daughter of Abel and Freelove (Matteson) Aylsworth. Abel Aylsworth was "an Ensign in Seth Warner's Regiment, and went to Quebec in 1776 with General Montgomery." Children of Daniel and Polly (Aylsworth) Barney: Ruth, born Sept. 20, 1790; Abel, born Feb. 4, 1792; Sophia, born Oct. 24, 1793; Betsey, born Sept. 24, 1795; Judiah Aylsworth, of whom further; Asa Cromwell, born March 24, 1799; Roswell A., born March 4, 1801; Benjamin F., born Jan. 9, 1803; Ann, born Aug. 25, 1804; Arza S., born Aug. 25, 1806; Norman W., born May 14, 1808; Polly, born Aug. 16, 1813.

(VI) Judiah Aylsworth Barney was born in Vermont, Sept. 12, 1797. He married, March 8, 1831, Philura Cummings, born Nov. 20, 1806. Children: Charles, born Jan. 8, 1832; Daniel, of whom further; Asa Cromwell, born Sept. 26, 1835; Eliza Ann, born Aug. 10, 1845.

(VII) Daniel Barney, father of Frank Durand Barney, was born in Summer Hill, Cayuga county, N. Y., Aug. 23, 1833. He attended the district school and later accompanied his parents to Chautauqua county. It is interesting to note that Daniel Barney cut wood for twenty-five cents a cord at Elm Flats, now Hartfield. Subsequently he went West to Minnesota, where he bought a farm, which later became the property of his son. Later, in 1883, he came East and settled in Chautauqua county. He married, March 12, 1862, Mariett Lucinda Durand, born March 30, 1830, daughter of Nathan and Ursula (Griswold) Durand, her mother a daughter of William Griswold, a tavern keeper at Sheridan, Chautauqua

county, in the picturesque days of the stage coach, and who fought in the War of 1812. William Griswold married Zylpha Bush, born June 22, 1790, who bore him ten children, as follows: Ursula, born May 25, 1810, married Nathan Durand; William B., born April 28, 1812; Juliet C., born Oct. 12, 1814; Albinus A., born April 23, 1818; Dewitt C., born March 2, 1821; Otho E., born Nov. 3, 1823; Lewis M., born Dec. 20, 1825; Malvina, born June 20, 1828; Garafilia, born Sept. 8, 1830; and Merritt W., born May 12, 1835. Nathan and Ursula (Griswold) Durand were the parents of three children: Juliett Clorinda, born July 2, 1835, married Edwin Herrick, and had three children, Dora, Roy and Edwin; Franklin Wesley, born July 22, 1837, died in 1844; Mariett Lucinda, married Daniel Barney, and to them was born one child, Franklin Durand, of whom further.

In 1856, Daniel Barney went to Mankato, Minn., where he spent six years preëempting land, after which he returned East and married. In 1863, with his wife, he again went to Minnesota, and there lived until 1883. In this latter year they came East and took up their residence again on the Durand homestead, where the remainder of their lives were spent. The Durand homestead in Chautauqua county came into the possession of the family through the Holland Land Company, and the original deeds to the property are now in the possession of Frank Durand Barney, of Westfield. He also holds the original deed and land of the Barney homestead in Minnesota, the document signed by Abraham Lincoln, on March 25, 1862, in behalf of the United States Government. The family of Durand traces to Dr. John Durand, who married in Stratford, Conn., Elizabeth, daughter of Richard Bryan, and great-granddaughter of Alexander Bryan. He came to Derby, Conn., about 1685, his residence being near Edward Wooster's at Derby village. He had a son, Joseph, born Dec. 20, 1709, died 1792, who married, in 1734, Ann Tomlinson. They had a son, Isaac, born Aug. 14, 1745, died in Stratford in 1825. He fought in the Revolution, being listed in the militia from Derby, Conn. He married, and his wife, Sarah, died April 27, 1827, aged eighty years. Isaac Durand was the father of Fisk Durand, grandfather of Mariett Lucinda Durand, who married Daniel Barney. Fisk Durand was born in old Milford, Conn., in 1766, and died in Westfield, N. Y., in 1836. He was on the pension roll of Chautauqua county in 1831 for the service of musician. He was the father of Nathan Durand, born in Connecticut, an early pioneer and surveyor of Chautauqua county, where, in Westfield, he died in 1839. He married, as previously stated, Ursula Griswold. The Durand family has borne arms as follows: Gules—A lion rampant or, in the dexter paw a cutlass argent hilted of the second. Crest—A yew tree proper.

(VIII) Frank Durand Barney, son of Daniel and Mariett Lucinda (Durand) Barney, was born at Vernon Center, Blue Earth county, Minn., May 14, 1860. His early education was obtained in the West, where he remained until he was sixteen years of age, and in 1883 he came to Westfield, N. Y., entering the Westfield Academy. After graduation from the Academy he studied engineering for a short time in Cornell University, subsequently taking a post-graduate course in Westfield Academy, and then entered Clark & Perrin Commercial College of Buffalo. His active life began as manager



of the farm of 200 acres at Westfield, belonging to his grandfather, Nathan Durand, which he has since operated along general farming and dairying lines, with a considerable acreage devoted to grape growing. He also manages a farm in Minnesota, which had been owned by his late father, and is now owned by himself and mother, and on its 300 acres he conducts general farming and stock raising. During this time, in addition to his agricultural work, Mr. Barney also taught in the schools of Westfield for a number of years.

Mr. Barney has been prominent in social and fraternal circles, and is a member of Summit Lodge, No. 219, Free and Accepted Masons, of Westfield; Westfield Chapter, No. 239, Royal Arch Masons, of Mayville; Jamestown Council, Royal and Select Masters; and Dunkirk Commandery, Knights Templar, of Dunkirk. His political stand is independent, and he is a member of the Universalist church. Mr. Barney is numbered among the most successful farmers of Chautauqua county, has a wide acquaintance in the district, and is held in high regard for qualities of responsible citizenship.

**JESSE HENRY SMITH**, an enterprising and successful agriculturist of Panama, Chautauqua county, N. Y., and one of the public-spirited residents of that town, is a descendant of one of the first settlers of that county, and therefore is worthy of mention in a work of this description.

Jesse Smith, grandfather of Jesse H. Smith, and the early settler above mentioned, was born in Raymond, N. H., March 19, 1792, son of Ezekiel and Elizabeth (Doloff) Smith. In early life, Jesse Smith came to Jamestown, N. Y., accepted the position of teacher in the village school, which he acceptably filled, and took an active part in the affairs of the village. Later he removed to Panama, N. Y., and established a select school called the Academy in a building situated where the Union Cemetery is now located. After several very successful years of teaching, he retired and moved to Riceville, Pa., where he purchased an extensive farm and also erected a grist mill, conducting the latter successfully for many years. In later life, he returned to Panama, N. Y., and purchased property, upon which he erected two store buildings, which he rented advantageously, and he was very influential in village affairs up to the time of his death. During his residence in Jamestown, Mr. Smith married Emily Dix, who accompanied her parents to that town from the State of Vermont. Twelve children were born of this marriage, six of whom grew to years of manhood and womanhood, namely: Gilbert, Clement, Henry Dix, Helen, Jennie, Alice. All are now deceased, and Jesse H. Smith, son of Henry D. Smith, is the only descendant now living in Chautauqua county.

Henry Dix Smith, father of Jesse H. Smith, was born in Poland, N. Y., July 22, 1830. He received a good education in the schools of Panama and Jamestown, N. Y., and after completing his studies he acted for a time as agent for stone pumps. After the removal of his father to Riceville, Pa., he became interested in the grocery business and conducted a store in Pleasantville, Pa., for a number of years, then moved to Jamestown, N. Y., where he conducted a grocery store in partnership with another man, continuing in that line of work until his death, June, 1877, the business being settled by

his widow Mary (Nelson) Smith, whom he met during his residence in Pleasantville, Pa., where she was acting in the capacity of school teacher. They were married in Eagle, Wyoming county, N. Y., July 25, 1875, and their only child, Jesse Henry, of further mention, was born during their residence in Jamestown, N. Y. After the death of her husband, Mrs. Smith and her child went to live with her mother in Bliss, N. Y., and for three years she taught in a school in that vicinity. At the expiration of that period of time, she became the wife of Eaton Smith, of Panama, N. Y., a cousin of her first husband, and a son of Benjamin and Eunice (Dix) Smith, who were among the first settlers of Panama, coming on horseback from Vermont, the mother carrying her baby, Emeline, in her arms. Mrs. Smith by her second marriage became the mother of one child, Helen Gail, born in Panama, Aug. 31, 1882. Eaton Smith died September, 1901, and in April, 1911, Mrs. Smith became the wife of Joseph G. Hill, of St. Cloud, Fla. For ten years prior to that event, Mrs. Smith made her home with her son, Jesse H. Smith, in Panama.

Jesse Henry Smith was born in Jamestown, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Jan. 12, 1877. He was educated in the school of Panama, and then pursued a short course of study in Jamestown Business College. He was interested in farming, having a small farm in Panama, in the cultivation of which he displayed indefatigable energy. In April, 1918, he moved to a large dairy farm at Elm Flats, near Mayville, which his mother and he purchased from Mr. William Arnold, and is residing thereon at the present time (1921). He is prominent in the social and club life of the region, holding membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Patrons of Husbandry, and the Dairymen's League. He is a Methodist in religious belief, and a Republican in politics, having served as one of the trustees of the village of Panama.

Mr. Smith married, June 25, 1908, Elnora Scranton, daughter of George and Anna (Fay) Scranton, old and respected citizens of Warren county, Pa. To Mr. and Mrs. Smith the following children were born: Henry Jesse, Fay Nelson, Harley Gillette, Helen Mary.

**LESLIE ALLAN PEASE**—For a quarter of a century, Leslie A. Pease has practiced law in Dunkirk, N. Y., coming not long after obtaining his LL. B. from the law department of Union University, after a short period of practice in Niagara county, N. Y. Mr. Pease has won high standing at the Chautauqua bar, and his literary ability has brought him further popularity and prominence. He is a pleasing, effective, platform orator and a powerful advocate for any cause to which he lends his aid. His able pen has been employed in behalf of this work, and two of its historical chapters bear his name.

He is a son of Dr. Truman A. and Helen M. (Lester) Pease, his father a former practicing physician of Norwood, St. Lawrence county, N. Y. The earliest Pease ancestor is Capt. John Pease, born in England, who came to New England with the early settlers and located in Massachusetts, where he founded a family. Ebenezer Pease, a descendant of Captain John Pease, was a soldier of the Revolution, and great-great-grandfather of Leslie A. Pease. Abel Pease, son of Ebenezer Pease, the patriot, was born in Vermont and was the first of the family to settle in St. Lawrence county, his residence in the vil-

lage of North Lawrence dating from 1828. He built the first farm house there, and in it died in 1868, aged eighty-seven years. He was the father of several children, the fourth, a son, Abel Pease, who always followed mechanical pursuits and settled in the town of Norwood, St. Lawrence county. He married Sally Clark, of Grand Isle county, Vt., daughter of Truman Clark, a member of the Vermont Legislature, and a man of considerable prominence. They were the parents of six children, including a son, Truman A. Pease, born in the town of Brasher, St. Lawrence county, N. Y., Nov. 27, 1842. He was educated in Lawrenceville Academy, and while a teacher there, in later years, began the study of medicine under Dr. Joseph A. Jackson. In 1864, after one year of study, he enlisted in the Union Army, Company K, 193rd Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry, was appointed hospital steward at Cumberland City, Md., there serving until the close of the war of 1865. Upon his return from the army he entered the medical department of the University of Vermont, whence he was graduated M. D., class of 1867. He began practice at Norwood, N. Y., and there completed an honorable and successful record as a physician and surgeon of skill and learning. He married, June 10, 1868, Helen M. Lester, who died Aug. 30, 1884, the mother of two sons, one dying at the age of seven years, the other, Leslie Allan Pease, of Dunkirk, N. Y., to whom this review is inscribed.

Leslie Allan Pease was born in the village of Norwood, St. Lawrence county, N. Y., Sept. 14, 1869, and there spent the first nineteen years of his life. He was educated in Norwood public schools, Norwood Academy, class of 1888, Oberlin College, and finally was graduated LL. B. from Union University, class of 1891. At Oberlin, as at Norwood Academy, he displayed literary and oratorical ability and won especial honor. After graduation from law school in 1891, he was admitted to the New York bar, and in 1892 began the practice of law at Niagara Falls, N. Y. Not long thereafter he moved to Dunkirk, N. Y., and has since been in continuous practice, ranking as one of the able men of the Chautauqua county bar. He is a member of the County and State Bar associations, and is highly esteemed by his brethren of the profession. He holds the confidence of a large clientele, and is one of the successful men of his profession. Until 1904 he practiced alone, but in that year became associated with Lyman C. Kilburn, they practicing as Pease & Kilburn.

A Republican in politics, Mr. Pease, upon becoming a voter, began taking an active part in politics, the campaign committees employing his talents as a public speaker to good advantage. Since then he has been active as a campaign orator, working under the direction of both State and National committees and under the Republican State League. He has grown in intellectual strength with the years, and his reputation as a pleasing, logical and convincing public speaker has kept pace. As a writer of prose and poetry, he is well known to magazine readers, his literary work having been received with favor. In 1896, he was elected special surrogate for Chautauqua county. In 1902 he was the candidate of his party for mayor of Dunkirk.

Mr. Pease married, June 27, 1900, Luna B. Keeler, of Norwood, N. Y., and they are the parents of two children: Helen L. and Allan W.

**MYRON MONTAGUE**, the oldest resident at the time of his death, of Sinclairville, Chautauqua county, N. Y., where he lived in retirement, reached his ninety-fourth year, Oct. 3, 1920, and died Oct. 7, 1920, his long life having been a worthy record of successful industry and useful public work, which included a period as town clerk of Charlotte township, and very many years as a justice of the peace in the town of Gerry.

The Montague family, in its American generations, goes back to Colonial days; it was prominent in the Hadley, Mass., Settlement. Elijah Montague, father of Myron Montague, was born in Hadley, Mass., in 1781, son of Nathaniel Montague. Elijah Montague grew to manhood in Hadley, married Esther McElwain and to them were born ten children, four of whom, however, died in early life. Somewhat early in his married life, Elijah Montague removed with his family to New York State, locating first in Rensselaer county, but later moving to Salem, Washington county, where he farmed for some years. Subsequently, however, he acquired property in Cooperstown, Otsego county. Eventually, the family removed to Genesee county, near Batavia, where they lived many years, until 1836, when Elijah Montague brought his family to Chautauqua county, and settled in Charlotte township, where his son, Elijah Montague, had a farming property. His wife, Esther (McElwain) Montague, had been dead for about two years, and his youngest son, Myron Montague, was about nine years of age, when he decided to leave Batavia and to come to Chautauqua county to live with his children. He died in Sinclairville, Jan. 3, 1862, buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Sinclairville. His wife, who died in Batavia, N. Y., Jan. 7, 1834, was buried there. They were the parents of six children, all of whom they reared, namely: 1. Orra, who became the wife of Charles Coder. 2. Elijah, who became a prosperous farmer in Charlotte township. 3. Erastus, who lived many years in Conneautville, Pa. 4. Esther Susan, who became the wife of Jotham Bigelow, of Michigan. 5. Electa, who married (first) George E. Waite, (second) Edwin Putnam, of Sinclairville. 6. Myron, mentioned below.

Myron Montague, son of Elijah and Esther (McElwain) Montague, was born near Batavia, Genesee county, N. Y., Oct. 3, 1827. When he was nine years old, he was taken by his father to Charlotte township, Chautauqua county, N. Y., where his elder brother, Elijah, was prospering as an independent farmer. There the boy was brought up. His schooling began in the Batavia district school, and was continued in the district school of Charlotte township. Myron Montague lived, with his father, in the home of his brother until he was sixteen years of age, when he went to Sinclairville to enter upon an apprenticeship to John Brunson, blacksmith. He worked at blacksmithing for eight years, successively as apprentice, journeyman, and partner of Mr. Brunson, but he met with an accident which caused him to give up his trade. He then worked on shares on his father-in-law's farm, consisting of 216 acres. Some few years later he purchased a farm of 231 acres for himself, situated in Gerry township, and for more than forty-three years thereafter cultivated it. He proved to be a skillful, industrious farmer, and greatly improved the property, building a commodious, substantial barn amongst other important improvements. In 1901, he being then seventy-four years



old, he retired from farming occupations, and moved to Sinclairville, where for the last nineteen years of his life he lived in retirement. He was active, and became a familiar figure in the town, also well known. In his early manhood, he was an active Whig in national politics, and cast his first vote for Zachary Taylor, who became president of the United States in 1849; and he voted in every presidential election from that time until his death, his last vote having been cast for Justice Hughes, in 1916, this making a record of sixty-eight years of presidential voting. Myron Montague was town clerk of Charlotte township sixty-nine years ago, and later was prominent in local public movements, esteemed in the district as a man of broad mind and of good moral integrity. He was entrusted with the administration of justice in Gerry township for fifteen years, and that period of his public service was marked by findings which indicated that he had a good understanding of the fundamentals of law, and a very broad view of human nature.

Mr. Montague married, March 11, 1852, at Sinclairville, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Annie E. Wagoner, a native of Gerry, daughter of William and Hannah (Camp) Wagoner. She died May 1, 1917, having lived an unusually long and happy married life of sixty-five years. Her kindness of heart, and quiet, refined ways, brought her many true friends during her long life in Gerry and Sinclairville. She was a woman of earnest, Christian faith, and by religious conviction was a member of the Universalist faith. She was buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Sinclairville. Myron and Annie E. (Wagoner) Montague were the parents of four children: 1. George Edwin, a sketch of whom follows. 2. Esther A., who has had a useful, professional career, being a graduate of the Providence, R. I., School of Nurses; she practiced her profession for many years, but of late remained near her father to care for him. 3. Myra M., who entered the teaching profession, and was a public school teacher for forty years; she became the wife of Cassius B. Perrin, an educator; her death occurred May 15, 1919. 4. Frank W., who is well known in Jamestown, where he resides.

**GEORGE EDWIN MONTAGUE**, retired farmer, now living at Sinclairville, Chautauqua county, N. Y., but for more than a generation a leading resident and most successful farmer in Charlotte township, prominently identified with the public affairs of Charlotte, and later in Sinclairville, where he served as president of the village, and in 1917 was elected justice of the peace, was born March 8, 1853, in Charlotte township, son of Myron and Annie E. (Wagoner) Montague.

George E. Montague was well educated in the district schools and the Ellington High School. For eleven winters he taught school in different sections of the county, and during the summers he farmed. In 1880, he gave up professional work altogether, and resolved thereafter to devote himself wholly to farming and thereupon took the Ellis farm, located in Charlotte township, and that property, which was 102 acres in extent, he farmed steadily for many years. He farmed intelligently, adopted many modern methods of farming, especially in connection with his cattle raising and dairying, and improved the property considerably during the period, add-

ing many buildings. In 1915, he came to Sinclairville to live in order to be near his aged parents. In 1916, he sold his farm in Charlotte township, and purchased his present property in Sinclairville, where he has since resided. He maintained an active interest in public matters while residing in Charlotte township, serving as supervisor; in 1917, after his removal to Sinclairville, he was elected justice of the peace of that town for a term of four years, was a trustee of District School, No. 7, and at the present time (1921) is serving as trustee of Evergreen Cemetery, Sinclairville. By political allegiance, Mr. Montague is a Republican. He is a man of literary inclinations, is a very well read man, and acts as correspondent for the leading Jamestown papers. He has been particularly interested in agricultural matters, and is an enthusiastic member of the Grange, Patrons of Husbandry. Fraternally, he is a member of Sylvan Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; and Knights of the Maccabees.

George E. Montague married, March 16, 1880, Mary A. Ellis, daughter of Lewis H. and Maryetta (Fuller) Ellis. She was born in Pomfret township, May 7, 1858, died in Sinclairville, Sept. 27, 1916, and buried in Evergreen Cemetery. They were the parents of two children: 1. Eva Ellis, who, after passing through the district and high schools of Sinclairville, went to the Normal School at Fredonia, N. Y., and eventually entered the teaching profession, and for eight years was a teacher in Allegany county, N. Y., and the high school in Sinclairville; she became the wife of Louis Johnson, of Charlotte township, and to them were born three children: Allen E., Ida M., and Richard. 2. Jessie E., who, after passing through the public and high schools of Sinclairville, entered the Jamestown Business College, for the commercial course, in which she eventually graduated, and later became clerk and bookkeeper in the First National Bank, Jamestown, which position she held, with much credit, for thirteen years; she became the wife of Harry J. Vaughn, of Jamestown.

**WALTER ERIE STRONG**, one of the prominent citizens of Sinclairville, Chautauqua county, N. Y., where he lives retired from active life, and a veteran of the Civil War, is a member of a family that has been closely associated with the affairs of Gerry township, for a great number of years, both he and his forebears having followed the occupation of farming there.

Gilbert Strong, grandfather of Walter E. Strong, was a native of Chenango county, N. Y., removing from there to Chautauqua county in 1818, and located in what is now Gerry township. There he purchased from the Holland Land Company a tract of 120 acres of the practically virgin wilderness, which he at once set about clearing with the assistance of his sons. Eventually he brought this land under cultivation, and spent the remainder of his active life on this fruitful farm. He at length reached an age when labor was no longer possible and thereafter made his home with his son Gilbert, Jr., who was residing in Ellington township, where his death occurred June 12, 1861, at the venerable age of ninety-one years. He was a Whig in politics, and was prominent in local affairs. He married Eliza Palmer, and they were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Both were buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Gerry township. He and his wife were

the parents of seven children, as follows: Nancy; Electa, who became the wife of John Bailey; Gilbert, Jr., who became a resident of Ellington township; Horace, who died in early life in Gerry township; David, mentioned below; Orren, who died in Gerry township; and Mary Ann, who became the wife of Emery Alverson.

David Strong, third son and fifth child of Gilbert Strong, was born April 9, 1801, in Chenango county, N. Y., and as a lad attended the district school of his native place. He was seventeen years of age when he accompanied his parents in their removal to Chautauqua county, and there he assisted his father in the clearing and cultivation of the latter's farm. Afterwards he became the owner of a farm of his own, consisting of 120 acres of the same fine land in Gerry township. He made farming his occupation through life, and his death occurred on his place, Oct. 8, 1874, at the age of seventy-three years. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and was a Republican in politics. David Strong married (first) Mahala Clark, of Gerry township, who died in 1838, and by whom he had four children, as follows: Electa, who became the wife of Julius W. Hubbard; Caroline, who became the wife of Charles Walker; Elisha, who resided on his father's farm and there died; and Orren E., who died in Gerry township. David Strong married (second) Sophia McCullough, a daughter of John McCullough, a prominent resident of Gerry township, where he held the office of justice of the peace for many years. Her death occurred at the family home in Gerry township in October, 1893. They were the parents of six children, as follows: Walter Erie, with whose career we are especially concerned; Mahala, who became the wife of Wallace G. Olmstead; Pamela, who became the wife of Joel D. Damon; Amanda, who became the wife of Martin Heath, of Gerry township; Anna Eliza, who became the wife of Perry S. Ely, of Ontario, Cal.; and Warren, who resides at Sinclairville, N. Y. David Strong and both his wives are buried in Evergreen Cemetery.

Walter Erie Strong, eldest child of David and Sophia (McCullough) Strong, was born July 12, 1840, in Gerry township. He passed his childhood and early youth on his father's farm. He attended the local public schools of the region, and upon completing his studies at these institutions assisted his father in the latter's agricultural operations and there learned the rudiments of the occupation that he was to follow during the remainder of his active life. In the year 1862 he enlisted in the Union army, and became a member of Company B, 112th Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry, Aug. 6, 1862. This company was under the command of Captain Chaddock, and the regiment under Col. J. C. Drake. Mr. Strong proceeded with his regiment to the seat of war and soon saw much active service. He was severely wounded in the left leg at the battle of Drewry's Bluff, May 16, 1864, and was sent to the hospital at Hampton, Va., and later transferred to that at Buffalo, N. Y., near his home. From there, having recovered, he was honorably discharged in July, 1865, and returned to Chautauqua county, N. Y., where he settled down to farming once more. He purchased a farm of sixty-two acres in Gerry township, which he operated successfully for a time. He next disposed of this and bought the place known then as the Cannon farm, a tract of 104 acres, where he car-

ried on general farming and also raised cattle on a large scale. After some years spent on this farm, Mr. Strong procured a yet larger tract of 166 acres in the same region, and there continued his cattle raising and general farming operations for fourteen years longer. By that time his business had grown to such an extent that he purchased the large Waggoner farm of 900 acres, where he engaged in stock raising on an extensive scale and with great success until the year 1907. He then sold out his valuable interests and removed to Sinclairville, where he has since made his home and enjoyed a well earned leisure.

In addition to his farming activities, Mr. Strong has always been an active participant in the public life of the community where he has resided. He has taken a keen interest in local politics, is a staunch Republican in his political belief, has been a prominent figure in the affairs of his party in Chautauqua county, and has held a number of important offices in the gift of the community. For nine years he served as assessor of Gerry township, and for two years as tax collector. Since coming to Sinclairville he has been no less active, and in 1911 was chosen justice of the peace. Twice since then he has been reelected to the same office and today still occupies it after a period of nine years. He is a trustee of Evergreen Cemetery. Mr. Strong has always kept up his military associations gained during the Civil War and was one of the organizers of J. C. Drake Post, No. 319, Grand Army of the Republic, of Sinclairville, which was named in honor of Colonel Drake, the revered commander of the old 112th Regiment, New York Volunteers. He has remained a member of this post ever since, and has occupied the office of commander for a considerable period. He is also a member of Sinclairville Grange, No. 401, held the office of master for three years, and is today one of its trustees. In his religious belief Mr. Strong is a Congregationalist, and with his wife attends the church of that denomination at Sinclairville.

Walter Erie Strong married (first) Dec. 6, 1864, J. Pamela Wicks, of Ellery township, a daughter of Jeremiah Wicks, of that place. Her death occurred June 12, 1891, in Gerry township, and she is buried in Evergreen Cemetery. They were the parents of five children, as follows: Ida, who became the wife of Walter Kapple, and died Jan. 9, 1912; Bernice, who became the wife of Grant Edson, a resident of Gerry township; George H., who married Mary Trusler, who died in 1916, and is occupied in farming in Gerry township; Lena J.; and Erie J., who makes his home in Paterson, N. J. Mr. Strong married (second) April 17, 1907, Ella (Swift) Bentley, a native of Forestville, a daughter of David and Phebe (Geer) Swift, and the widow of Jerome Bentley, one of Mr. Strong's fellow members of Company B, 112th Regiment, in the Civil War; his death occurred in April, 1901, at Clear Creek, N. Y.

**DAHLSTROM METALLIC DOOR COMPANY**  
—A manufacturing plant with a plot of nine acres of ground, and having an occupied floor space of about 250,000 square feet in its factory buildings, must be a factor of much importance to a city the size of Jamestown, Chautauqua county, N. Y.; in fact, or at least in all probability, trade boards and civic committees in



various parts of the country would become valuable in their advocacy of their own particular locality as a factory site if there were any chance of influencing such a corporation to change its location. Such a possession the city of Jamestown has in the plant of the Dahlstrom Metallic Door Company, which since 1904 has been an appreciable influence in the development of the city. Its operation finds labor for about 500 people, and its principal products, metallic doors, partitions and trim, windshield tubing, instrument boards and other automobile accessories, are known in almost all the principal cities of the United States. The final factor in the fireproofing of some of the country's most costly structures, adding elegance of interior decoration to such buildings as well as fireproofness, has been brought about through the products of this company. Its products are exported extensively to many foreign countries, and during the World War, just ended, the directors and principals of the Dahlstrom Company devoted themselves indefatigably to the production of articles needed by the government in the prosecution of the war. Among these were water-tight and nonwater-tight doors for submarine chasers, doors for government buildings, for battleships, cruisers, and other ships. They manufactured many hundreds of thousands of parts for steel helmets, used by the American Expeditionary Forces in France.

The Dahlstrom Metallic Door Company is undoubtedly one of the soundest of Jamestown's manufacturing industries, expertly managed, and continually expanding its scope of manufacture and of market. It had its inception in the efforts of a worthy Jamestown resident, the late Charles P. Dahlstrom (a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work), who in 1903 first endeavored to organize the Dahlstrom Company. He was an expert mechanical engineer, connected for many years with the metal furniture industry. He conceived the method of making metal doors in a simple and practical manner, by which it would be possible to market them at such a reasonable cost as to constitute a material advantage to owners, architects, and builders to specify them in the plans of fireproof buildings. He interested some of his influential friends, mostly residents of Jamestown, and early in 1904 the Dahlstrom Metallic Door Company was organized and received its charter of incorporation under the laws of the State of New York. The organizers, prudent men of business and exploiting an idea with their own capital, spent the first year of the corporate existence of the company in experimental work, building what special machines were necessary for the economical manufacture of the doors, and then giving the product exhaustive tests to prove its fire resisting qualities. After satisfactory demonstrations of the feasibility of the idea, and of the surety of its fire resisting qualities, the promoters were sure that, properly directed, the enterprise would succeed, and they purchased a tract of land, including water rights of about 600 horse power. The erection of the first factory building and power house was commenced in the latter part of the year 1904, and early in 1905 an important contract was secured by the company. This contract called for about 2,000 metal doors and trim for use in the twenty-two story building then being erected in New York City for the United States Express Company. It tested the capacity of the initial plant to its utmost; in fact, it was unable to cope

with the resulting business, and an additional adjoining building had to be rented, temporarily. During that year an addition to the plant was decided upon, erection commenced, and the building completed in 1906. The contract with the builders of the United States Express Company skyscraper was satisfactorily completed, and the product in place in the new building demonstrated conclusively to architects and owners the beauty of the new material, and the possibilities of elegant economical finish opened by the enterprise of the Dahlstrom Company. This installation undoubtedly influenced the selection of the Dahlstrom material for the Singer Building, a forty-two story building at No. 149 Broadway, New York City, which was the next large order to be executed. Of course, other makes of metallic doors and like fittings eventually came into the market, but the Dahlstrom Company, as pioneers of the new industry, benefited appreciably from the initial publicity its product gained, and it has enabled the company to continue in the forefront of American manufacturers of such products. It has been stated, apparently with authority, that the Dahlstrom plant at Jamestown, N. Y., is the largest in the world of its kind, and the best equipped for the exclusive manufacture of metallic doors and trim, etc., such as it specializes in. Its products are well known in building circles in this and foreign countries, and its doors have been used in the fitting of many large fireproof structures. In the cities of New York, Chicago, Washington, and others about this country, the Dahlstrom Metallic fireproof doors and fittings are now the standard specifications in the erection of office buildings, hotels, industrial structures, apartment houses, churches, schools and other buildings.

The plant, which is situated at East Second and Buffalo streets, Jamestown, comprises ten buildings of modern construction, affording a factory floor space of 250,000 square feet. The well-kept lawn fronting the factory buildings indicates the fundamental policy of the management, namely, to provide congenial conditions for its employees. In the plant are dining and rest rooms, and every endeavor is made to interest the operators in the introduction or invention of any device, or design, that may tend to be of value to the company, in production or in quality of product. All the machinery and equipment of the plant is of the most modern design, and because of the unique nature of the work a good deal of the machinery was designed by experts of the company and made on the premises. The company controls valuable patents which enter into the manufacture of its principal product.

The Dahlstrom Company was responsible for the interior equipment of the first all steel Pullman cars, and supplied the Pullman Company with metal interior trim, including berths, etc., for such purpose, for a long time, in fact, until the Pullman Company considered the development large enough to build its own plant for this particular purpose. And it also developed, and put on the market, drawn or rolled metal mouldings, which later developed into windshield and other tubing, the Dahlstrom company now being probably the principal manufacturers of windshield tubing. Some of the first mouldings manufactured in quantities by the company, in 1905, were exported to Great Britain, and used in the cars of the London underground railroad system. It is not possible herein to enumerate all the articles that have

come within the scope of the Dahlstrom Company's metal working devices. By its unique methods of press work and moulding of metal, it has augmented the production of many metal parts for automobiles, and various other industrial necessities. It did valuable work for the government during the great World War, as has been described herein. The plant is operated on the bonus system, which has drawn to its shops skilled workmen, capable of producing quality as well as quantity. The company is making good use of the water power coming from the outlet of Chautauqua Lake, converting this power to electricity, and also has steam power for auxiliary and emergency purposes.

The standard of efficiency maintained by any plant, reflects the personalities of its executives, the Dahlstrom Company having been fortunate in this respect since its inception. The original officers were: Charles Swanson, well known contractor of Jamestown, president; Charles Lindbeck, vice-president; and the originator, Charles P. Dahlstrom, general manager, who died in April, 1909. The late Elov Rosencrantz succeeded to the presidency in 1906, and his connection with the company at this early period helped materially to establish it on a firm business basis. His partner, Carl A. Lundquist, succeeded Mr. Rosencrantz to the presidency, and when he retired, the late James L. Weeks, a prominent attorney, served in this capacity successfully until his death, Fabian Sellstrom serving as vice-president during the term of office of both Mr. Lundquist and Mr. Weeks. Mr. John A. Westman was the company's secretary and treasurer until Mr. Dahlstrom's death in 1909, when the office of general manager was added to his duties, and Fabian Sellstrom was elected treasurer. Mr. Sellstrom was later succeeded by Major Fred W. Hyde, who subsequently became general secretary of the National Bank Section of the National Association of Bankers, and he in turn was succeeded by Eric E. Carlson, the present treasurer. For about ten years E. W. Sellstrom has been superintendent of the plant. The present officers are: H. E. V. Porter, president; Carl Olofson, vice-president; J. A. Westman, secretary and general manager; Eric E. Carlson, treasurer; Sam Lundquist, assistant secretary and assistant treasurer; and E. W. Sellstrom, assistant manager and superintendent. Its main offices are in Jamestown, and the company maintains sales and service establishments in New York City, Chicago, and Detroit, and has representatives in all the principal cities. Its executive officers belong to the Manufacturers' Association of Jamestown, the Jamestown Board of Commerce, the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, the Manufacturers' and Merchants' Association of New York State, and the National Association of Manufacturers.

**JOHN A. WESTMAN**, well known and highly regarded citizen of Jamestown, N. Y., came to this country and settled in Jamestown in 1887. Possessed of commendable personal traits, ability, and earnestness to succeed, he has for almost two decades been prominently identified with the management of the Dahlstrom Metallic Door Company of Jamestown, including the offices and responsibilities of secretary and general manager. Aside from business, he has in private life and church work won a respected place among his fellowmen and in the community.

John A. Westman was born in Stockholm, Sweden, Feb. 9, 1871, the son of John A. and Caroline Westman. His father was a sea captain, and both parents lived and died in Sweden. John A. Westman was educated in the public schools and commercial establishments of Stockholm, and when he had attained the age of sixteen years resolved to come to the United States. He came alone in that year, went to Jamestown, N. Y., and began work very soon after his arrival. He worked for five years as a cabinet maker with Shearman Brothers, of Jamestown. He then entered a business college in Elmira, and subsequently spent some time with a prominent law firm of that city before going to New York City, where for about ten years he was employed in commercial and contracting work before returning to Jamestown in 1904. He has prospered, but in going closely into his early years in the United States it was discovered that his advancement came only because of his own resolute determination to prepare himself by education for the opportunities that might come. He assumed control of the office work of the Dahlstrom Metallic Door Company, in August, 1904, which at that time was of recent organization, but rapidly expanding. From that time on he has remained a member of the executive body of that important industrial concern. In 1905, he was elected secretary and treasurer of the company, and after the death of Mr. Dahlstrom, the founder of the company, he was asked to take the responsibilities of the general managership, in addition to his other offices. Later, Mr. Fabian Sellstrom was appointed treasurer, and Mr. Westman has been able to cope with the duties of the secretaryship and the multitudinous details of the general management. In addition to being a director of the Dahlstrom Metallic Door Company, Mr. Westman is a director of the International Casement Company, which company he was instrumental in organizing and which manufactures a product allied to that of his own company. He is an earnest Christian, and for many years has been an active member of the Swedish Mission Church. He has been a deacon of that church, and at one time was superintendent of the Sunday school.

In November, 1896, Mr. Westman married, in New York City, Signe A. L. Carlson. They have two children: Esther M. and Florence A.

**CHARLES E. FISK**—The entire business life of Charles E. Fisk, of Jamestown, president of the Pearl City Veneer Company, Incorporated, has been devoted to the one activity, the making of veneer, his introduction to the business being in his youth as an employee of the Strong Veneer Company at Gerry, N. Y. The Pearl City Veneer Company is the modern consummation of the business founded in Jamestown in 1897 by Mr. Fisk and others as the Jamestown Veneer Works, and under different owners has come down to the present, Mr. Fisk having been president of the corporation since 1914. The family of Fiske is of ancient English name, dating in Suffolk from the eighth year of the reign of King John, 1208, the name Daniel Fisk being then found appended to a document confirming a land grant. Fiske is a form of the word Fish, and was borne by Symond Fiske, Lord of the Manor of Stadhaugh, and supposed to have been a grandson of Daniel Fisk.



John A. Hartman





He bore arms:

Arms—Chequey argent and gules upon a pale sable three mullets pierced or.

Motto—Macte virtute sic itur ad astra.

The Fiskes of early New England ancestry are descendants of this ancient family, whether the name is spelled Fisk or Fiske. The line in this branch is traced from Symond Fiske, Lord of the Manor of Stadhaugh, through his son William, his son Simon, his son Simon (2), his son Robert, his son William, his son Nathaniel, his son Nathaniel (2), his son John, the founder of the family in New England, and ninth in descent as heretofore traced.

John Fisk was born in England, about 1610, and came to New England with his father, Nathaniel (2) Fisk, and brother, Nathan Fisk, tradition stating that the father died on the voyage over. John Fisk took the oath of fidelity in 1652, bought land in Watertown, Mass., and there resided until his death, Oct. 28, 1684, aged sixty-five years. He married Sarah Wyeth, who bore his five children, including a son, John (2).

From John Fisk, the founder, descent in this branch is traced through John (2), of Watertown, and his first wife, Abigail (Parks) Fisk; their son, Lieut. John (3) Fisk, of Waltham and Worcester, Mass., and his first wife, Mary (Whitney) Fisk; their son, John (4) Fisk, of Worcester, and his wife, Arubah (Moore) Fisk; their son, John (5) Fisk, a commissary in the Revolutionary army, and his wife, Irene (Buck) Fisk; their son, David Fisk, of Brookfield and Ellington, N. Y., and his wife, Lydia (Bugbee) Fisk; their son, James Fisk, of Ellington, Chautauqua county, N. Y., and his wife, Harriet (Larkins) Fisk; their son, Charles Edward Fisk, of Ellington, N. Y., a soldier of the Union, a martyr to the inhumanity of the commandant of Andersonville prison, and his wife, Sarah (Falconer) Fisk; their son, Charles Edward (2) Fisk, of Jamestown, of the seventeenth recorded generation of his family, and of the eighth Fisk generation in this country.

David Fisk, of the fifth American generation, came to Chautauqua county, from Brookfield, N. Y., settled in the town of Ellington, and there died in 1862. His son, James Fisk, was born in Brookfield, Aug. 3, 1815, and came to Chautauqua county, where he became a farmer. His son, Charles Edward Fisk, was born in Ellington, in January, 1841, and in 1862, enlisted in Company B, 112th Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry. At the engagement at Chapin Farm he was taken prisoner, sent to Libby prison in Richmond, thence to the stockade at Andersonville, where he died. He married Sarah Falconer, born in Randolph, N. Y., daughter of Cyrus Falconer. They were the parents of an only son, Charles Edward (2), who never knew a father's love and care.

Charles Edward (2) Fisk was born in Ellington, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Feb. 21, 1863, and spent the first seven years of his life at the old Fisk homestead. In 1870, the family moved to a farm two and a half miles from Fluvanna, Chautauqua county, later settling in the town of Gerry, Chautauqua county, N. Y. The lad was educated in the public schools and Ellington Academy, and when school years were over he entered the employ of Milton Ferguson, operating creameries through Chautauqua and Cattaraugus counties. During that period he married, built a residence in Gerry, and there his

daughter was born. He then accepted a position with the Strong Veneer Company, at Gerry, and there remained for ten years, becoming an expert in the business and rising to a good position. He then spent a year as superintendent of The Grand Rapids Company, followed by eighteen months service as superintendent of the Welsh Dixford Veneer Company, positions which fully prepared him for the management of a business of his own. In 1897, he became interested in a veneer manufactory in Jamestown with George Griffith and Frank Cadwell, in 1895. They sold out to Messrs. Peterson, Thayer and Willson, and in 1897 Charles E. Fisk with these men formed a partnership under the firm name, the Jamestown Veneer Works. There were several changes in personnel during the following years, but the business prospered, Mr. Fisk always retaining his interest. In 1904, the firm became the Pearl City Veneer Company, Incorporated, Theodore Hanchett, president; Charles E. Fisk, vice-president; Nathan M. Willson, secretary-treasurer. President Hanchett died in 1914, and was succeeded by Charles E. Fisk, who still continues the executive head of the company. Later Frank C. Rice and Ralph G. Sage were admitted to an interest. The present officers of the Pearl City Veneer Company are: Charles E. Fisk, president; N. M. Willson, general manager; T. C. Rice, secretary-treasurer; Ralph G. Sage, vice-president. The business of the company is the manufacture of veneer of every kind, from hardwoods, native and imported, their customers the first class furniture manufacturers of the country and other users of fine veneer. The company is well managed and prosperous and ranks high among Jamestown's manufacturing houses. Mr. Fisk is a member of the First Seventh Day Adventist Church, a Republican in politics, member of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Mr. Fisk married, Sept. 30, 1886, Minnie Waite, daughter of Ephraim and Lovilla (Starr) Waite. Mr. and Mrs. Fisk are the parents of a daughter, Mabel Cleo, born in Gerry, married Ralph G. Sage, and resides in Jamestown. Until 1901, Gerry was the family place of residence, but since that year the Fisks have resided in Jamestown, owning a beautiful home at No. 1207 Prendergast avenue.

**REV. CHRYSOSTOM SMITH, C. P.**—The influence exercised upon a community by the life of a good and devoted priest is not like that of other men, whose sphere of activity is in worldly affairs, to be measured by material standards, is not, as a matter of fact, to be measured accurately at all nor can we say of it that it is great or small, for its results are to be felt chiefly in the souls of the flock of which he is the pastor and to be noted in the moulding of their characters and the gradual drawing of their hearts to higher things. But we can say at least that this influence is of the most precious type, for the regeneration of one such soul certainly constitutes a greater and more important work than the erection of great buildings or the amassing of unlimited wealth. In the Rev. Chrysostom Smith, the City of Dunkirk, N. Y., possesses a citizen who exercises such influence, and who, as the beloved pastor of St. Mary's Church, has long been known for his pious life and effective ministry.

Father Smith is a native of Newark, N. J., born Sept. 18, 1876, and his early childhood was spent there. As a

lad he entered the parochial school of St. James' Church, in Newark, and after completing his studies there entered St. Benedict's College, where his general education was carried to its close. Quite early in life he had felt the call to a religious life, and in order to fit himself for the priesthood came, at the age of eighteen years, to St. Mary's Monastery at Dunkirk, N. Y., and there engaged in his theological studies. He continued a student for about nine years at St. Mary's and other monasteries of the Order of Missionary Fathers, and was finally ordained to the ministry in 1903, at Cincinnati, Ohio, by Archbishop Miller. He was first sent to St. Paul's Monastery at Pittsburgh, Pa., where he held the position of assistant master of novices for three years, and then, being a scholar of high attainments, spent the following five years in teaching in the monasteries in Pittsburgh and Baltimore. In 1908, he was appointed assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church, Dunkirk, and filled that office until 1911. Father Smith had already displayed considerable executive ability, and in 1912 was appointed to take charge of St. Agnes' Hospital, Baltimore, Md., an institution which he headed for some six years. He had, however, made himself much beloved in Dunkirk and especially St. Mary's parish, so that when, in the latter part of 1917, he was returned to this post as pastor his congregation welcomed his home coming with profound pleasure, and he is now (1921) installed not only as pastor of the church but in the hearts of all his flock. In his former pastorate, he had done much for the benefit of the church, and its future under his care is a bright one. He has always taken a strong interest in the social life of his parishioners, especially of the young men, and is a member of the local chapter of the Knights of Columbus, of the fourth degree, and the chaplain of the organization.

**CARLINA MAVIS MONCHOW**—As librarian of Dunkirk Free Library since 1900, Miss Monchow is widely known professionally, while her personal acquaintance in the city is equally large, Dunkirk having been her birthplace and lifetime home. She is a daughter of Edward and Elizabeth (Rieck) Monchow, of Dunkirk, and in the public schools of her native city she obtained her education. She came to her present position, librarian of Dunkirk Free Library, in the year 1900, and has since continuously held that position.

Miss Monchow is a member of the Women's Literary Club of Dunkirk, New York State Library Association, American Library Association, Women's Alliance (Unitarian), and of Adams Memorial Church (Unitarian). In her political views Miss Monchow is an Independent.

**THE PITTSBURGH AND FREEPORT COAL COMPANY**, of Jamestown, N. Y., is a co-partnership of two leading Jamestown men, Cornelius J. Moynihan, who for many years was traffic manager for the consolidated systems of the Jamestown, Chautauqua & Lake Erie Railway, the Chautauqua Lake Navigation Company, and the Chautauqua Traction Company, and director of other transportation companies, and Edward B. Thompson, who for years was connected with the Consolidation Coal Company and the Shawmut Coal and Coke Company.

The business partnership of these two men, under the trading name of the Pittsburgh and Freeport Coal Company, began on Dec. 15, 1916, the company dealing as wholesalers in bituminous coal. This company sells the output of various bituminous mines, selling coal throughout Canada, New England, New York and Pennsylvania. They have built up a large and substantial business, selling chiefly to large industrial consumers and others.

Messrs. Moynihan and Thompson are experts on the analysis of coal, and through their knowledge of this subject they have established a reputation for dependability of service and are considered the largest and leading brokers of coal in this region.

**CORNELIUS J. MOYNIHAN**, a native of Jamestown, N. Y., and well regarded in this city by reason of his long association, in responsible capacity, with the affairs of local railroad companies, is at present in charge of the Pittsburgh & Freeport Coal Company, and on the directorate of the J. W. & N. N. Railroad, and the Chautauqua Lake & Navigation Company. Until Jan. 1, 1919, when he resigned, he was traffic manager of the consolidated systems of the Jamestown, Chautauqua & Lake Erie Railway, the Chautauqua Lake Navigation Company, and the Chautauqua Traction Company, so that it will be appreciated that Cornelius J. Moynihan was a factor in the operation of local railroads.

He was born in Jamestown, N. Y., Nov. 12, 1879, the son of Daniel and Margaret (Howard) Moynihan, both of whom are living, and have been esteemed as worthy and responsible residents, in Jamestown, for more than fifty years. Daniel Moynihan has loyally served the Erie Railroad Company for more than forty years, for the greater part of the time being in the freight department at Jamestown.

Perhaps it was because of his father's association with railroad operation that the son, Cornelius J., had a natural leaning to railroad affairs. At all events, his business record, as shown in the data now before the writer, indicates that his entire life since he left school at the age of nineteen years has been spent in executive work with various public carriers. After obtaining a good education in local schools, taking the elementary grades of the grammar school, the full course at the high school, at which he graduated, and the commercial course at the Jamestown Business College, Cornelius J. Moynihan entered the employ of the Erie Railroad Company, as a stenographer in the passenger department in Jamestown. He remained with them for seven years and six months, and when he left that company's employ he had advanced in their service so rapidly that he had been latterly assistant to the division passenger agent. But he had been offered a more responsible office with the Chautauqua Traction Company, which was then beginning to operate. Mr. Moynihan was general passenger agent of that system from July 1, 1904, and subsequently also served in like capacity for the Jamestown, Chautauqua & Lake Erie Railway, and the Chautauqua Lake Navigation Company. When the two last named companies were consolidated by Mr. Broadhead with the Chautauqua Traction Company, Mr. Moynihan was appointed traffic manager of the three systems. He held those offices until





Esther M. (Wate) Fredrickson



P. W. Fredrickson



Jan. 1, 1919, when he resigned to assume management with Mr. Thompson, of the Pittsburgh & Freeport Coal Company.

In matters of transportation, Mr. Moynihan has always been interested, and probably for many years will have some connection with local public service companies of that kind; he is director of the J. N. & N. N. Railroad Company and of the Chautauqua Lake Navigation Company. He belongs to Jamestown Chamber of Commerce, the Transportation Club, Buffalo; and to the Buffalo & Pittsburgh Traffic Club, and is often brought into consultation regarding matters of transportation. Fraternally, he is connected with the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and with the local lodge of the Knights of Columbus, of which at one time he was secretary. He is a member of SS. Peter and Paul Roman Catholic Church, Jamestown. He is brother of John Patrick Moynihan, general manager of the Blackstone Manufacturing Company, of Jamestown.

In 1908, Mr. Moynihan was married, in Jamestown, to Della Monroe. They have two children, sons, James D. and Monroe H., both of whom are attending local schools.

**EDWARD B. THOMPSON**, one of the owners, with Cornelius J. Moynihan, of the Pittsburgh & Freeport Coal Company, of Jamestown, N. Y., extensive wholesalers of bituminous coal for manufacturing purposes throughout Canada, New England, New York, and Pennsylvania, has been known to Jamestown people for many years as a man closely connected with important mining interests, and as a man of integrity, financial and moral.

Mr. Thompson was born in Eckhart, Md., Jan. 1, 1879, and was educated in schools of that place, eventually graduating at the age of fifteen years at the Eckhart High School. Immediately after leaving high school, he entered the office of the Consolidation Coal Company, and he has been connected with important coal mining interests ever since. He was for five years with the Consolidation Coal Company, and for the next eighteen years was with the Shawmut Coal and Coke Company, traveling throughout the East and in Canada as salesman for the company's output. He is an authority on matters relating to steam coal, and when he formed partnership with Cornelius J. Moynihan, of Jamestown, manager of the Chautauqua Traction Company and other railroad interests, in 1916, it was with confidence that they would succeed as wholesalers of bituminous coal. The co-partnership took the trading name of the Pittsburgh & Freeport Coal Company and established offices in Jamestown. Mr. Thompson is an active member of the Jamestown Board of Commerce, and religiously is a Roman Catholic, an earnest attendant at SS. Peter and Paul Roman Catholic Church at Jamestown.

Mr. Thompson married, at Renovo, Pa., Josephine A. Nicklas, of that place. They have two children: Mildred and Neil, both of whom are at school, the former attending the Jamestown High School.

**PAUL WALTER FREDRICKSON**, prominent young citizen and business man, is a native of America, and a descendant of that sturdy race, the Swedes, which represents one of the most progressive types of people

in Chautauqua county, a man of education, sound citizenship, and a representative in the business life of the town of Stockton.

Paul W. Fredrickson, son of Alfred D. and Matilda (Anderson) Fredrickson, was born in Stockton, N. Y., Dec. 14, 1893. He was educated here in the district schools and later the Brocton and Fredonia high schools. He took a teacher's course at the Fredonia Normal School, from which he was graduated in the class of 1915, and shortly afterwards became the principal of the Cassadaga High School, Cassadaga, N. Y. He remained here for one year, and in 1916 went to New York City, where he became the principal of the grammar department of the Chelsea School, which is a branch of the Young Men's Christian Association Educational Department, this school being located in the Association's building on West 23rd street. In August, 1917, shortly after the United States entered the World War, he enlisted and went to the Officers' Training Camp at Fort Niagara, N. Y., and there received an intensive military training. At Fort Niagara he was commissioned second lieutenant in the Field Artillery service. In December, 1917, he was assigned to Camp Travis, Texas, as an artillery instructor, and remained in this assignment until January, 1918, when he was transferred to the Aviation Section of the army. He had become very well equipped in the knowledge of military service, and was in command of various squadrons at Kelly Field, Texas, and Vancouver Barracks, Washington. Because of his past experience in the lumber business, he was selected to oversee the cutting of spruce timber in the forests near Vancouver Barracks, for the use of airplanes. He was honorably discharged from service, Feb. 8, 1919, and shortly afterwards returned to his home at Stockton, where he joined his brothers, Delmar T. and Albin L. Fredrickson, in their manufacturing industry of basket making and other wood products, the firm being known as the Fredrickson Brothers, of which he has since been secretary.

Mr. Fredrickson is identified with the various town interests, being a justice of the peace and a member of the Town Board. Fraternally, he is a member of the Masonic bodies and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In politics he is a staunch Republican, and in religion a member of the Stockton Baptist Church.

On Dec. 29, 1920, Mr. Fredrickson was united in marriage to Esther M. Waite, daughter of Frank O. and Rachel (Paterson) Waite, of Dewittville, N. Y.

**DR. CHARLES E. GIBBS**, son of George W. and Anna (Reid) Gibbs, was born in Sherman, N. Y., June 3, 1878. He attended the public schools of his birthplace, and after the completion of his general education entered the veterinary department of Cornell University, from which he was graduated D. V. M. in 1904. Immediately after passing the New York State Board examinations, he began practice at Fredonia, where he has since continued. Dr. Gibbs is a member of Western New York Veterinarian Medical Association, and at one time was director of this organization. In politics he is a Democrat, but takes no part in the activities of the organization, preferring to give his entire time to the duties of his profession. He affiliates with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Dr. Gibbs married (first), Claudine L. Kidder, of Sherman, N. Y., now deceased. He married (second) Edith Bonquin Reynolds, of Fredonia, and they are the parents of five children: Geraldine, Anna, Edward, Howard and May.

**THE SEABURG MANUFACTURING COMPANY, INC.**, a substantial industrial concern of Jamestown, N. Y., having a modernly equipped plant for the manufacture of the "Librola," a high grade phonograph in library table form which is manufactured and sold complete to dealers all over the country, and a high grade line of library tables, pedestals and cedar chests, at Nos. 124-130 Steele street, Jamestown, is the enterprise of members of the Seaburg family of Jamestown. The business was established in 1903, at No. 124 Steele street, by E. B. Seaburg, assisted by his sons, E. J. and A. H., and at the outset the small shop found employment for only twelve men. The factory at present has seventy-five men on its payroll, and has widened its scope of manufacture, as well as market. The direction is practically confined to the Seaburg family. E. J. Seaburg is general manager, in direct charge of purchasing, selling, and correspondence; his brother, A. H. Seaburg, is in charge of manufacturing, as superintendent; V. B. Seaburg is representing the firm as salesman among the trade; another brother, O. T. Seaburg, is assistant superintendent in charge of finishing and shipping, and three other members of the Seaburg family, namely, E. T., L. W., and R. H. Seaburg, are connected with the company. The management is very efficient, and the advancement has been steady and solid. The present substantial buildings were erected in 1914 and 1920, but the expansion of business has made further alterations and additions necessary and another building is being erected. One building, used as a dry kiln, of three stories, is advantageously planned, it being possible for cars of lumber to come right alongside and be discharged on to small trucks, and by means of a ten-ton elevator lifted to the three floors of the dry kilns and from there to the cutting room, thus cutting out much unnecessary and costly handling. It is understood that it is the only plant in the country having a three-story dry kiln and at which such methods of handling are practiced.

The business was re-organized in 1909, and corporate powers secured, under the above stated name. Since that year, the father, E. B. Seaburg, has acted practically only in an advisory capacity, and he is not among the present officers of the corporation. They are: E. J. Seaburg, president and general manager; A. H. Seaburg, vice-president and superintendent; V. B. Seaburg, vice-president and branch sales manager; O. T. Seaburg, secretary and assistant superintendent; E. T. Seaburg, treasurer; and L. W. Seaburg, assistant secretary, and all of the above with E. B. Seaburg and R. H. Seaburg, constitute the board of directors. The company is well represented on the Jamestown Board of Commerce, Jamestown Manufacturers' Association, and the Association of Manufacturers and Merchants of New York State.

**JOSEPH A. BLOMQUIST**—Active in the business world of Jamestown, especially among the younger set, may be found Joseph A. Blomquist, the secretary and

treasurer of the Level Furniture Company. Born in Poland, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Aug. 27, 1886, he is the son of August A. and Katherine (Lindquist) Blomquist, the former a successful contractor of Falconer, N. Y.

When young, Joseph A. Blomquist went to live with an aunt in Minnesota, and while there attended the grammar and high schools. His aunt lived on a farm so the boy was taught to assist in the work until he returned to New York State, this time living in Jamestown. Here he entered the Jamestown Business College, taking a two-year course in business training and office practice. In 1903, he obtained employment as a clerk in the office of the Jamestown Lounge Company, remaining with them four years, when, in October, 1907, he became bookkeeper for the Level Furniture Company. Two years later, 1909, he was admitted to the firm as one of the partners and was made secretary and treasurer, a position he now holds. Mr. Blomquist is a member of the Board of Commerce and of the Norden Club. He is active in the work of the Young Men's Christian Association, being a member of the Epsilon Phi fraternity, a society which has been organized in connection with it. He is a Free Mason, belonging to the chapter. He attends the Presbyterian church. Mr. Blomquist is greatly interested in everything connected with athletic sports; when a younger man he played football and basketball considerably, and out-of-door life is one of his recreations.

In Willmar, Minn., June 28, 1913, Joseph A. Blomquist married Florence Porter, the daughter of Solomon Porter, the former treasurer of Kandiyohi county, Minn.

**THE CURTIS MACHINE CORPORATION**, the main offices and original plant of which are at Jamestown, Chautauqua county, N. Y., was, at the outset, a local enterprise, established by well known Jamestown men, but it now has many plants and controls the manufacture of certain patented belt sanders, rubbing and carving machines, used in wood working. The basic patents were the property of Minneapolis men, but it was found necessary to take over the plants of other manufacturers, who were infringing their patents, and the Curtis Machine Corporation, as at present constituted, represents the consolidation of the plants of the Lucas Machine Company, of Jamestown, N. Y., the Moore Carving Machine Company, of Minneapolis, Minn., and the Jansen-Peterson Company, of Cleveland, Ohio.

The Curtis Machine Corporation, which was incorporated on April 19, 1913, by Don Allen Curtis, of Jamestown, at first manufactured sand belt machines for wood working, but as other companies were taken over, each possessed of patents of allied kind, its product embraced rubbing machines, sanding machines, carving machines, and bits of various kinds. The Lucas Machine Company was absorbed in August, 1913, the Moore Carving Machine Company was taken over in the same month, and the Jansen-Peterson Company came into the consolidation in September, 1913. The Jamestown plant of the new company was built in the fall of 1913, and commenced operating in February of the following year. Prior to that, the machines were produced in a little plant on Taylor street, Jamestown. In January, 1918, the company met with a serious setback, being forced to close the Jamestown plant because of a disastrous fire by which



it was almost gutted. The origin of the fire was never traced, but it caused suspension of work at that plant for three weeks. The present factory, which is 60 feet by 160 feet, and of three floors, is equipped with individual electric motors, and with all the most efficient devices for the production, in high grade quality and great quantity, of the specialties of the company. During the World War, the company's facilities were in great part used for the manufacture of propeller cutting machines for the United States Government.

At the present Jamestown plant, which is on East Second street, the company finds employment for about seventy men. The original officials were: Fred M. Curtis, president; Don A. Curtis, vice-president; Frank G. Curtis, secretary; and E. W. Curtis, treasurer. The president and treasurer is now E. W. Curtis; F. G. Curtis is vice-president; E. A. Gibson is secretary. They are members of the Manufacturers' Association of Jamestown, of the Jamestown Board of Commerce, of the National Metal Trades Association, and of the Manufacturers' and Merchants' Association of New York State.

The success of the members of the Curtis family in this and in other local undertakings of theirs is gratifying to their many friends in that section of New York State, and to the city of Jamestown, which has benefited materially by their successful business enterprises.

**EDWARD W. CURTIS**, president and treasurer of the Curtis Machine Corporation, manufacturers of patented belt sanders, rubbing and carving machines, a consolidation of three corporations, with plants in Jamestown, Minneapolis and Cleveland, is a native of Elbridge, N. Y., where he was born Sept. 23, 1861, and has been a resident of Jamestown for more than thirty years.

He is the son of Alonzo M. and Louise (Gleason) Curtis. His father was a well known farmer in the town of Elbridge, Onondaga county, N. Y., where he was popular and highly respected. He held various town and county offices of honor, and reared his children under wholesome Christian conditions, but without any incentives to extravagance or the flimsy artificialities of modern life. At the age of six years, Edward W. Curtis was being inculcated into the methods of performing several small duties on the parental farm, and during his school days he became proficient in most farming operations that were possible to a youth. He was educated, with his brothers, Arthur and Edward, the former now deceased, and his sister Jennie, who also is deceased, in the local schools of his native place, and later he also attended the Monroe Collegiate Institute. But when he had reached the age of fifteen years, he closed his schooling altogether, and assisted his father in the management of the farm. When he became of age, he went to Nile, Mich., and there worked in a local chair factory, and during the two years spent in that place became a proficient cabinet maker and wood turner. Then he took to railroading, and while so engaged, was injured. That was in 1886, and he then came to Jamestown, N. Y., and became connected with local furniture manufacturers. He travelled for many years, representing at first Phillips, Maddox & Company, and later the Empire Case Goods Company. In 1902 he engaged independently in the lumber business, doing much travelling and dealing extensively, as a merchant, in lumber and standing timber. In

1911 he took charge of the Jamestown branch of the Williamson Lumber Company of Baltimore. Two years later, however, he joined other members of the Curtis family in establishing the Curtis Machine Corporation, with which he has since been connected in executive capacity. Since the death, in 1915, of his brother, Fred M. Curtis, he has been president, as well as treasurer, of the company, the development of which has been elsewhere written of in this volume. Mr. Curtis is an active member of the Jamestown Chamber of Commerce, and fraternally, he is a Mason, of thirty-second degree; prominent in local lodges, Knights Templar and Shrine. Also he is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is popular in Jamestown, and has proved himself to be a good business man, of sterling integrity and likable ways.

In 1902, Mr. Curtis married, in Jamestown, Ethel, daughter of Attorney John Weeks, whose record of public work has been written for this work. They have one child, a daughter, Louise, who now attends Jamestown High School.

**REV. PETRUS LETOCHA**—The large Polish population of Chautauqua county centers in Dunkirk, where they began settling prior to 1855, the second only to the Swedes in the order of their coming. In 1855 there were twenty-one Poles in the county, and in 1900 there were 1,027 natives of Poland living in the county and many more descendants. In and around Dunkirk are evidences of the thrift and industry that distinguish these people; they are among the best farmers of the county, they give their children the benefit of all school advantages, are making rapid progress along the path of progress and make good citizens.

The Polish language, differing more radically from the English than any other of the continental tongues, renders it difficult for them to acquire our language readily and this explains why they are unable to quickly assimilate with the Americans in many respects. Polish societies and Polish churches are a necessity, and it is through these agencies that the work of naturalization is hastened. St. Hyacinth Roman Catholic Church was erected in Dunkirk in 1895, at a cost of \$10,000, there then being eighty-five Polish families in Dunkirk. In 1902, St. Hedwig Church was erected to accommodate the Polish population in the Fourth Ward of Dunkirk. Father Schultz was the builder of St. Hedwig, and to that church in 1911 came Rev. Petrus Letocha, the present pastor. The parish then numbered 2,200 souls, and during the years 1911-1920 that number has been increased to 3,200. The parish has grown in spiritual and material power during his pastorate, and on every hand are evidences of his untiring zeal as a priest and pastor. St. Hedwig's Parochial School, which started with 200 pupils, now has 436, divided into seven grades, taught by eight sisters of the order. Petrus Letocha was born in Upper Silesia, Poland, Nov. 19, 1874, son of Simon and Katharine Letocha, his father a farmer. The lad grew up on the farm, but was given a good preparatory education, attending the equivalent of the American high school until 1890, when he came to the United States, a lad of sixteen years. He began his theological education, attending a university in Philadelphia, Pa., whence he was graduated, class of 1898. He was ordained a priest of the

Roman Catholic church the same year by Bishop McQuade, and was at once assigned to St. Stanislaus Church, Rochester, N. Y. His first parish was Our Lady Czes-torchowa, at Northumberland, N. Y., which he organized with an initial congregation of 280 souls. He left the parish in 1911, thoroughly organized with church and school buildings and a congregation of 2,000 souls. In 1911, Father Letocha was appointed pastor of St. Hedwig parish, Dunkirk, N. Y., erected in 1902, and has there accomplished a wonderful work for the cause to which he has devoted his life and for the people he loves, his countrymen.

He is greatly beloved by his congregation and mingles with them freely in social intercourse as well as holding with them the closest priestly relation. He is a member of the Polish Union and the Polish National Alliance, and leads his people toward the goal of enlightened American citizenship with a zeal equalled only by his devotion as a priest of the church.

**JESSE POWELL**—If those who claim that fortune has favored certain individuals above others will but investigate the cause of success and failure, it will be found that the former is largely due to the improvement of opportunity, the latter to the neglect of it. Fortunate environments encompass almost every individual at some stage of his career, but the strong man and the successful man is he who realizes that the proper moment has come, that the present and not the future holds his opportunity. The man who makes use of the "Now" and not the "To Be" is the one who passes on the highway of life others who started out ahead of him, and reaches the goal of prosperity in advance of them. It is this quality in Jesse Powell, who is identified in the business circles as a master plumber, that has led him to success.

Jesse Powell was born in England, July 7, 1876, and came to this country when he was but five years old, living in Quebec, Canada, with his parents, until he was twelve years of age, when they moved to Fredonia, N. Y. The boy Jesse attended school in Quebec, and when the family moved to Fredonia he continued his studies for a short time until he was obliged to start out in the business world to earn his own living. He learned the plumber's trade with the Natural Gas and Light Company, working for them for eight years, when he commenced contracting in this particular line of business for himself, since which time he has done much work in Fredonia and has employed as many as ten people at one time in his business undertakings, having received the contract for the plumbing of the Baptist church, the Barker street school, the Union school, and also for the plumbing in seventy-five residences of Fredonia. The fact that Mr. Powell is so thoroughly occupied is largely due to the constant care and consideration which he has bestowed upon the up-building and maintenance of his business. In the atmosphere that he creates there is no such thing as stagnation, for he is quick to act and he is in the habit of accomplishing whatever he undertakes. Mr. Powell is an independent in politics, voting for the man rather than the party he represents. He is a Baptist in religion. He belongs to no lodges nor clubs, being too engrossed with business matters.

Mr. Powell married, Aug. 7, 1900, Annie R. Ryman,

of Fredonia, and they are the parents of five children; Leo K., Jesse May, Amalyne, Wilda, Ryman.

Alert, alive and progressive, Mr. Powell justly merits the success he has achieved. Happily gifted in manner, enterprising in business methods, he is personally liked most by those who know him best, and his natural attainments, together with his exceptional ability, seem to give promise of a brilliant future.

**WILLIS L. EDDY**—On the old Eddy homestead, near Watts Flats, in the town of Harmony, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Willis L. Eddy was born Feb. 21, 1855, son of James and Dorcas Eddy, his father a farmer.

He attended the district school, then was a student in the Jamestown public schools, finishing with high school. While from youth Mr. Eddy has been familiar with farming operations, he taught school for ten years, holding a teacher's certificate at the age of sixteen, and has been prominently identified with the business interests of Panama village, where he has his home. For six years he has been interested in the Panama Creamery, and for fifteen years conducted a mill and lumber business in the village, and is one of the substantial men of the town. In politics Mr. Eddy is a progressive Republican, and in religious faith a member of Harmony Baptist Church at Panama. He is a member of the Patrons of Husbandry, and a man of sterling character, highly regarded by his townsmen, of genial, friendly nature, progressive, of well trained studious mind and well informed.

Mr. Eddy married, at Pittsfield, Warren county, Pa., April 4, 1883, Mary A. Meade, daughter of Filmore and Caroline Meade, her father a farmer of Pittsfield. Mr. and Mrs. Eddy are the parents of a son, Lynn W., born June 12, 1888, and two daughters, Ruth H., born Dec. 21, 1889, and Grace C., born June 5, 1903.

**DON ALLEN CURTIS**—There is just outside the city of Jamestown, yet within its confines, a unique estate, practically a sheep ranch. It covers many acres of land, and has at the present time over 600 head of sheep. It is located at the east end of Jamestown, and on this thoroughly up-to-date farm Don Allen Curtis is enjoying life in his own way, leading an active, healthy existence near to nature's heart, his interpretation of the "back to the farm" idea taking a rather extensive form, albeit quite conducive to health and enjoyment of the beauties to be found in nature.

Don Allen Curtis was born in Elbridge, N. Y., April 23, 1876. He is the son of Alonzo Mead and Electa Adelaide (Townsend) Curtis. Of this marriage six children were born: 1. Heman D., at present residing in the State of Wyoming. 2. Fred M., deceased. 3. Frank G., also living in Wyoming. 4. Don Allen. 5. Jessie W., who married Edward W. Scowden, and is living at Frewsburg. 6. Caroline, married Henry G. Rask, of Jamestown.

In his early boyhood, Don Allen Curtis attended the district school at Elbridge and later the high school at Jordan, N. Y., working on his father's farm after school and on Saturdays, continuing this after leaving school. At the age of nineteen, he moved to Jamestown and started to work, in 1895, in his brother's chair factory as night watchman at nine dollars a week. He also



learned the chairmaking trade, working after a time during the day, remaining so employed for a year and a half. When he left he had acquired the cabinetmaker's trade also. He then obtained a position as traveling salesman for the Randolph Furniture Company, of Randolph, N. Y.; this was followed by a like position with the Star Furniture Company of Jamestown, after which Mr. Curtis was engaged by the Morgan Manufacturing Company of Jamestown on a commission basis. He remained with this concern for five years, being continually on the road, saving his earnings and investing them in the furniture factory. About this time the Lucas Machine Company was formed, he being active in its organization. It became an incorporated concern, taking in the business of the brother for whom he had formerly worked and also buying out several machine corporations. They all became consolidated under the one corporate name, the Lucas Machine Company, Mr. Curtis being made treasurer and salesman. He only remained in this connection one year, in 1913 becoming interested in the oil business, buying stock in Wyoming concerns. Shortly after, the New York Oil Company was formed and Don A. Curtis was elected president of it; later it became a corporation. In November, 1917, the Empire State Oil Company was established with headquarters in Casper, Wyoming, and an office in Jamestown. Mr. Curtis was chosen vice-president of this company. On April 10, 1919, he resigned his office as president of the New York Oil Company, and since that time has not been at all active in the affairs of the company.

Don Allen Curtis married, in Jamestown, Oct. 1, 1908, Susan B. Carr, of that city. They have one son, Don Allen, Jr., born Nov. 8, 1912. He is now attending the public school in Jamestown.

Of a very social nature and fond of mingling with his fellowmen, Mr. Curtis is connected with several of the popular organizations of Jamestown. He is a Free Mason of the thirty-second degree, a Knight Templar and a Shriner. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; he is active in the Jamestown Club and also in the Board of Commerce. Mr. Curtis is a most congenial man, agreeable in manner, of a kindly, sympathetic temperament, and is regarded by other men as a generally likable man. During his salesman days his personality was one of his greatest assets, for he made friends readily and had the gift of retaining them. After he had attained a competence, he felt the need of a rest from the many business interests in which he had been engaged, for his nature compelled him to do with all his energy whatever his hands found to do, and as he had worked hard in his early life he desired relaxation later, therefore he bought the sheep farm before referred to and lives upon it in contentment.

**ALBERTUS A. COBB**, who has been for a number of years an exceedingly prominent figure in the business world of Brocton, Chautauqua county, N. Y., is a member of a family which has long held a conspicuous place in the life and affairs of this region. Mr. Cobb is a son of John Hale and Julia (Prentice) Cobb, old and highly respected residents of Brocton. The elder Mr. Cobb was for many years engaged in business as a printer, and was one of the successful editors of Brocton. He was born

at Sinclairville, and early in life went to the West, where he spent a number of years. He returned, however, to Chautauqua county, N. Y., while yet a young man and published a paper at Ripley for a time, after which he removed to Brocton, and for the twelve years preceding his death, which occurred May 19, 1903, was associated with the affairs of this city. He was the publisher of the Brocton "Mirror," and besides controlling the policy of that paper he wrote the editorial page. He was an unusually clear thinker and powerful writer, and his work as editor unquestionably strongly influenced local thought on the political issues of his day. His ability was recognized by his colleagues throughout this region, and it was often lamented by them that he could not take the part which his abilities warranted in some larger field of endeavor. They believed, and with good reason, that he would have made a name for himself on some large city newspaper, but although this was unquestionably true, the work that he did in the home field was of great importance and perhaps his influence, although more indirectly, was as vital and effective as it could have been in any other environment. John Hale Cobb married, Julia Prentice, who was also a member of a well known family in this neighborhood, by whom he had five sons, as follows: P. E. Cobb, of Cleveland, Ohio; Archie, who is connected with a telegraph company at Springfield, Ohio; Albertus A., with whose career we are here especially concerned; Harry, who resides at Brockton; and Bert, who also resides at Brocton.

Albertus A. Cobb was born in Barry, Pike county, Ill., during the residence of his parents in the West, Dec. 23, 1871, and spent his childhood in his native region, where he attended the local public schools. He was still a boy, however, when his parents brought him to Chautauqua county, N. Y., and he continued his schooling in the public schools of Ripley. While still a youth, he entered his father's printing establishment and there learned the trade of printer and the elements of the publishing business. At the death of the elder Mr. Cobb, he succeeded to the publication of the Brocton "Mirror" and has continued to conduct that paper in a most able manner ever since. The Brocton "Mirror" is one of the chief organs of public information in this region, and Mr. Cobb's printing office is equipped with all the most modern and up-to-date presses and other mechanisms for the production of a first class paper. Mr. Cobb's ability as a writer and a publisher are universally recognized, and he is regarded universally as the able successor of his talented father. Mr. Cobb is well known in social and fraternal circles here and is a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of Brocton. In politics he is a Republican of independent tendencies, and his paper reflects his broadminded and public-spirited attitude toward the affairs of the day.

Albertus A. Cobb was united in marriage, July 7, 1890, with Alice M. Barber, of Portland, N. Y. Mrs. Cobb died in the year 1909. They were the parents of four children, as follows: Mabel, born 1900, died in 1911; Merle, educated in the Brocton Public schools and the Fredonia Normal School, and now is employed as a teacher in the local institution; Josephine, who attended the Brocton public schools and is also following the profession of teaching; Ora, who is now a student in the public schools of Brocton.

**EDWARD C. TRILL**, tax collector of Dunkirk, N. Y., which position he has held since 1915, was born in Dunkirk, March 27, 1874, the son of Thomas Trill, an employee of the Brooks Locomotive Works, located in Dunkirk, and of Fannie (Guenther) Trill, his wife.

Until he was fourteen years of age, Edward C. Trill attended the public schools of his native city, when he went to work in a planing mill, then to Erie, Pa., remaining for a year, subsequently returning to Dunkirk, where he was employed in the foundry for nine years. In 1915, he was appointed to his present position of tax collector to fill an unexpired term, which expired in 1917, when he was reelected, and has held the position ever since. He is affiliated with the Republican party, and takes a lively interest in that phase of politics that makes for the highest good of the city. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, and is past chancellor commander of the lodge. He is a member of St. John's Church.

Mr. Trill married, Feb. 2, 1909, Bertha Kneubbe, of Dunkirk. They are the parents of three children: Edith, an employee of the Lake Shore National Bank; Florence and Robert.

**WILLIAM HENRY REID**—No man in any community fills a more important position than does the postmaster, for to him is entrusted the custody and delivery of the mail and upon his vigilance and fidelity may depend matters of the greatest moment to individuals, institutions, cities and states. This is the office which has now been held for six years by the man whose name heads this article, and to whose ability and trustworthiness the citizens of Lakewood, N. Y., can bear abundant testimony. Mr. Reid has a most creditable record as a business man and is actively associated with fraternal affairs.

Robert Reid, father of William Henry Reid, was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, and at an early age emigrated to the United States, where he followed the blacksmith's trade. He married, in Franklinville, N. Y., Sarah M. Phetteplace, a native of Chenango county, N. Y., and his death occurred while he was still a young man.

William Henry Reid, son of Robert and Sarah M. (Phetteplace) Reid, was born July 8, 1854, in Franklinville, Chautauqua county, N. Y., and received his primary education in the district school, passing thence to the Ten Broeck Academy. At the age of sixteen he obtained employment in a cheese factory and learned the business thoroughly, remaining fifteen years. At the end of that time he went to Obi, Allegany county, N. Y., where for another fifteen years he conducted a grocery store. His next removal was to Portville, N. Y., remaining four years, during three of which he filled the position of superintendent of the Kent House, at Lakewood, N. Y. He worked for Mr. Broadhead in the Traction Railroad office and was also employed as agent for the American Railway Express, at the same time filling the position of ticket agent for the Chautauqua Traction Company. In politics, Mr. Reid has always been a staunch Democrat, and in 1914 was appointed postmaster of Lakewood. The fact that he has ever since continuously retained the office furnishes convincing evidence of his competence and fidelity in the discharge of his very responsible duties. He has passed the chairs of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and also affiliates with the Maccabees and

the M. P. L. He was brought up in the Methodist Episcopal church, but is not now connected with any religious denomination.

Mr. Reid married, March 18, 1885, Florence A. Crandall, born in Genesee, N. Y., daughter of Joel A. and Jennetta E. (Maxson) Crandall. Mr. Crandall, a native of Genesee, was a carpenter by trade, and affiliated with the Republican party, holding various local offices. He died April 16, 1911. Mrs. Crandall, who was born at Portville, Cattaraugus county, N. Y., lives with her daughter, Mrs. Reid. Mr. and Mrs. Reid are the parents of one daughter, Grace Florence, wife of Harry H. Hagg, of Lakewood. Mr. Hagg served in the Army of Occupation.

The record of William Henry Reid has been varied, but always honorable. It is a record which his family would wish to have preserved and of which his descendants may be justly proud.

**FRANK COOK**, postmaster of the village of Niobe, in the town of Harmony, was born in the town of Clymer, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Aug. 24, 1861, son of Charles and Harriet (Tanner) Cook. He was educated in the public schools, and was variously engaged until 1915, when he was appointed to his present office, postmaster of Niobe. He is a member of Sylvan Lodge, No. 1225, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Bear Lake, Pa., is a Democrat in politics, and a member of the Baptist church. As a citizen Mr. Cook is highly esteemed by his townsmen, and is well liked both as a postmaster and as a man. He has made his own way in the world and holds the respect of all who know him.

Mr. Cook married, at Watts Flats, town of Harmony, Blanche E., daughter of Frank and Louisa (Laurence) Danner. Their only daughter, Louise, married Ivan Shreves, and has two sons, Gerald and Regis Shreves.

**ALFRED ROY TRIPP**, a prosperous business man of the village of Panama, was born in the town of Harmony, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Dec. 9, 1875, son of Rassander G. and Nettie (Swezey) Tripp, his father a farmer.

He was educated in the public schools, finishing with graduation from Panama High School, after which he was for a time engaged in farming. In 1905 he engaged in milling at Panama, and with his partner, W. P. Muzzey, operates a milk station at Panama, and has a good grain and feed business. Mr. Tripp has made his business profitable through close attention to its every detail, both he and his partner being men of energy and ability. He is a Republican in politics; member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Patrons of Husbandry, and the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Tripp married, June 7, 1902, in Panama, Chautauqua county, Mae J. Cook, born April 18, 1877, in Panama, daughter of Thaddeus and Minerva (Oliver) Cook, natives of Panama.

**FRED AND JOHN SAHLE**—Since 1910, Fred and John Sahle, trading as Sahle Brothers, have been engaged as florists in Fredonia, both young men being practical florists, thoroughly skilled and capable. They began in rented quarters, but soon bought the property,



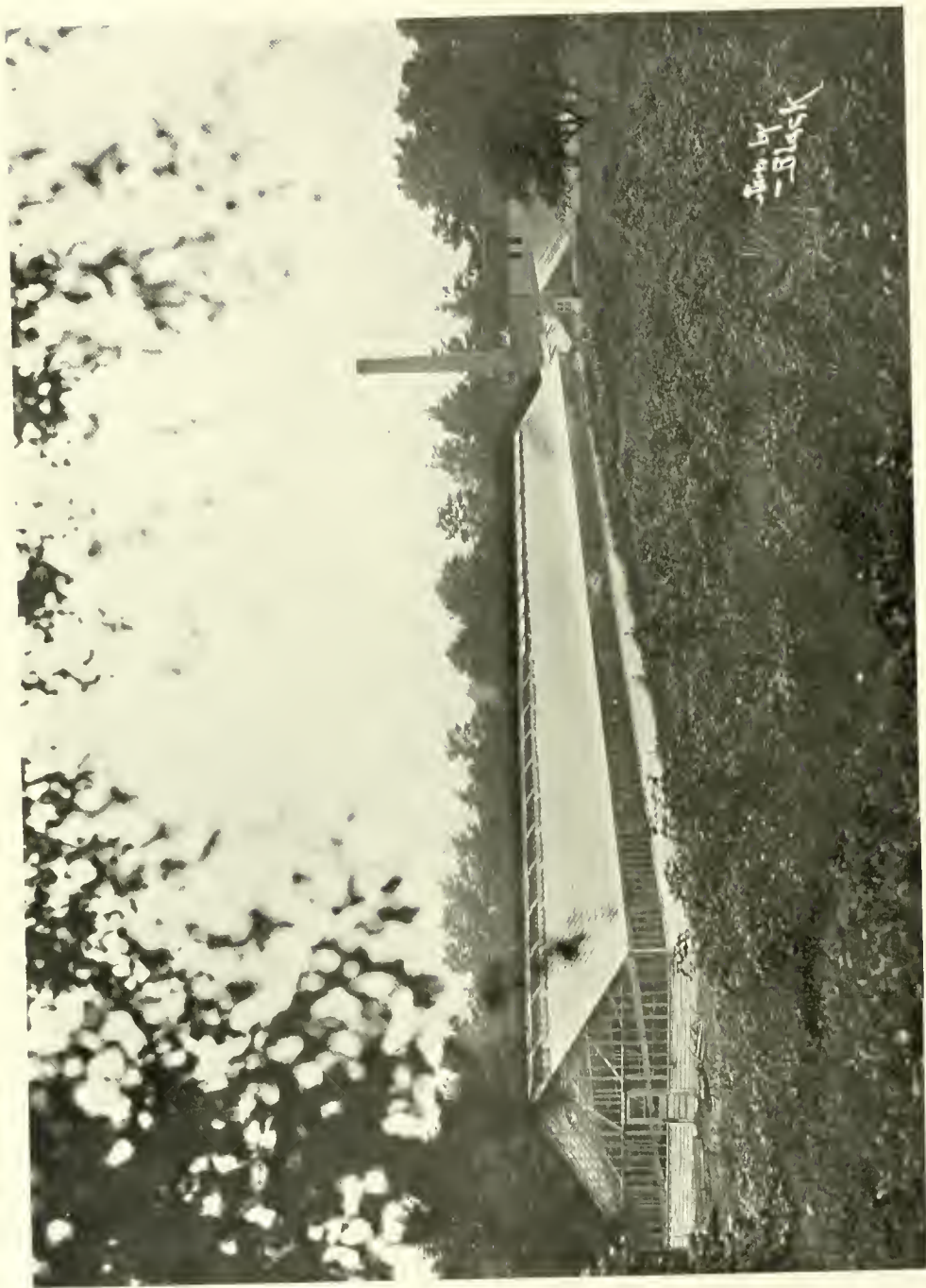
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SAHLE BROS. GREENHOUSES  
FREDONIA, N. Y.

to which they have made many additions, until they have a well equipped modern greenhouse plant, with 16,000 feet under glass. Their particular specialty is carnations, but all kinds of plants and cut flowers are included in their stock. They have been very successful in their business, and highly deserve to reap a generous reward, for they have worked with energy and intelligence to achieve that result. The Sable Brothers' greenhouses are at Nos. 97-101 Newton street, Fredonia, and everything about the establishment bears evidence of the ability and energy of the proprietors of the plant. The brothers are well known and highly esteemed both as business men and citizens. Both are men of youth and energy, and their future seems full of promise. The brothers are sons of John and Marion Sable, their father a carpenter. John and Marion Sable are the parents of seven children: Mrs. Lizzie Lawrence; Fred, of further mention; John, of further mention; Burton; Mrs. Clara Gumtow; Rudolf, and Louise.

Fred Sable was born in Bern, Switzerland, March 16, 1886. He was educated in the public schools, and early began his business career, finding his first employment in the nursery owned by Foster & Griffith, with whom he remained two years. He was then with Wilbur, the florist, of Fredonia, employed in the greenhouses, and was for two years, 1908-10, with Palmer & Son, in Buffalo, and then returned to Fredonia, where with his brother John they formed the firm of Sable Brothers. Fred Sable is an expert landscape gardener and specializes in that department, but is a thorough florist and skilled in all lines. He is a member of Fredonia Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Fredonia Grange, Patrons of Husbandry; ex-president of the Northern Chautauqua Florists' Club; is first assistant chief of the Fredonia Fire Department; member of the Chamber of Commerce; a Republican in politics; and in 1919 elected trustee of the village of Fredonia. He married, Aug. 3, 1919, Margaret O'Neil, of Fredonia, daughter of Patrick and Marion O'Neil.

John Sable was born in Bern, Switzerland, July 19, 1888, and was educated in the public schools of Van Buren, N. Y. He was early attracted to the florist's business, learning his art with Wilbur, of Fredonia, with whom he spent two years, followed by four with Herman Wilbur. This brought him to the year 1910, and the organization of the firm of Sable Brothers with his brother Fred. He is a member of Fredonia Grange, Patrons of Husbandry; and of the Northern Chautauqua Florists' Club. John Sable married, Feb. 24, 1915, Harriet Morrison, of Fredonia, daughter of Andrew Morrison. They are the parents of two children: Marion G. and Rudolf B.

**ROSS D. COWLES**—When the northern part of the town of Harmony was set off as a separate district and awarded a supervisor, Ross D. Cowles, a merchant at Stedman, was the first man chosen to fill the position, and he is now (1920) serving his first term in that body. He is a son of Archibald W. and Martha Jane (Taylor) Cowles, the former named a farmer of Harmony in that part designated North Harmony. Ross D. Cowles engaged in farming for several years prior to 1903, then entered mercantile life and has been very successful as a general merchant. He is well known

in his section of the county, and is highly regarded as both business man and citizen.

Ross D. Cowles was born in the town of Harmony, Chautauqua county, N. Y., March 10, 1866, and has spent his life in that section. He was educated in the public schools and Jamestown Business College, and after graduation from the last named institution began business life for himself. He was variously engaged until 1903, then established his general store at Stedman in North Harmony, and there has continued in business until the present time (1921). He is a member of the Patrons of Husbandry, is a communicant of the Methodist Episcopal church, a Republican in politics, serving as the first supervisor for North Harmony.

Mr. Cowles married, in Jamestown, N. Y., Dec. 16, 1892, Anna Dahlstedt, born in Sweden, March 3, 1870, daughter of Louis and Marie (Bergstrom) Dahlstedt, her father a corporal in the Swedish army, and a carpenter by trade. Mr. and Mrs. Cowles are the parents of two children: Archibald, born May 3, 1894, and Grace, born Jan. 8, 1908.

**EDWIN JOHN SUCKOW**—The city of Jamestown, metropolis of Chautauqua county, N. Y., whose rapid growth in population and material prosperity has been characteristic of the best type of American community, must with justice attribute its enviable condition to the enterprising and progressive quality of its citizens who, whether they have been merchants, manufacturers, farmers or public servants, have in the great majority of cases never lost sight of the general welfare for the sake of personal ambitions and have been ready at all times to subordinate their private interests to those of the community-at-large. Among the members of the first class of these, whose public spirit have contributed to build up the prosperity of the community, should be mentioned Edwin John Suckow, who, although still a young man, is the owner of a flourishing grocery establishment which he conducts on principles of fair play and good will that have made him widely popular and gained a large patronage. Mr. Suckow is a native of Buffalo, N. Y., born May 23, 1888, a son of Christopher and Sophia (Messinger) Suckow. The elder Mr. Suckow was employed as a stationary engineer in a manufacturing establishment at Buffalo, and it was there that the childhood and early youth of his son was passed.

Edwin J. Suckow attended the local public schools of Buffalo, and after completing his studies at those institutions engaged in the clothing business. Thrift and industry enabled him to save up a considerable portion of his earnings, and in 1915 he found himself in possession of sufficient capital to make it possible to engage in an enterprise on his own account. With this end in view he came to Jamestown and settled in Elliott township, where he purchased a small building and opened a grocery store. His first attempt ended in misfortune, for after two years of hard work, and when his business was beginning to meet with encouraging success, the store was destroyed by fire. Nothing daunted, however, by a loss that might well have discouraged most men, Mr. Suckow purchased a building across the street from the burned property and soon



had the satisfaction of seeing his business revived with greater prospects of success than ever. At this location he has remained ever since, and as the enterprise has grown, has added to the building stock and equipment to meet the larger demands. His indefatigable industry and quickness in meeting the changing requirements of the times have borne their merited fruit, and he is today the proprietor of a fine modern establishment and enjoys a wide and increasing patronage. Mr. Suckow has been prominent in social and fraternal circles at Jamestown, and is now a member of Mt. Tabor Lodge, No. 780, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Jamestown. He attends Holy Trinity English Lutheran Church, and is a valued member of the congregation.

Edwin John Suckow was united in marriage, June 24, 1914, at Jamestown, with Grace Orilla Shaver, only daughter of William and Anna (Kohlbacker) Shaver, of that city, where her birth occurred July 19, 1891. They are the parents of one child, Virginia May Suckow, born Aug. 10, 1915.

**LEWIS L. WARNER**—In 1815, John Warner, grandfather of Lewis L. Warner, of Niobe, N. Y., left his home in the North of Ireland and came to the United States, locating in Trenton, N. J. From there he went to Warren county, Pa., settling on a farm which he purchased in 1832 near Freehold. There his son Summerfield was born, educated, and followed his father's business, farming. Summerfield Warner married Mary Shaw, born in Hudson, N. Y., and they were the parents of T. L. and Lewis L. Warner, now engaged in business at Niobe, town of Harmony, Chautauqua county, N. Y., under the firm style and title of Warner Brothers, merchant millers, flour, feed, farming implements, coal, etc.

Lewis L. Warner was born in Freehold, Pa., Aug. 30, 1866, and there was educated in the public schools. After coming to the town of Harmony, Chautauqua county, N. Y., he bought a farm of fifty-five acres near Niobe, which he still owns, and in 1892 bought the mill property in the village of Niobe, which he still operates under the firm name, Warner Brothers. Mr. Warner has been successful in his business operation, and is a man of influence in his town. He is a Republican in politics, a member of the Patrons of Husbandry, and of the Baptist church.

Mr. Warner married, in Niobe, Nov. 8, 1906, Rhoda Hawkins, daughter of Francis and Rena (Fields) Hawkins, of Harmony.

**LOUIS GONZAGA MONROE**, one of the prosperous of the younger attorneys of Fredonia, N. Y., and a man who is very prominent in the community hereabouts, is a son of Elmon and Anna (McNamara) Monroe. The elder Mr. Monroe held a conspicuous place in the educational circles of Western Pennsylvania, but is now retired. Elmon Monroe has been an educator during his entire career, and is a graduate of Cornell University with the degree of A. B., and thereafter he sent all of his children to this university for their education.

Louis Gonzaga Monroe received his preliminary edu-

cation in the schools of Coxsackie, Greene county, N. Y., and after completing the course, attended the high school at Columbus, Pa., where he was prepared for college and from which institution he graduated in the year 1906. He then matriculated at the Law Department of Cornell University, and in 1909 won the degree of LL. B. In December, 1909, Mr. Monroe began the practice of his profession in the office of Nugent & Hefferman, and in the following year served as a clerk in the office of Herman J. Westwood at Fredonia, but at the end of six months formed a partnership with Mr. Westwood under the style of Westwood & Monroe. This association continued until Jan. 1, 1919, at which time Mr. Westwood went to New York City, and the firm dissolved partnership. Mr. Monroe has continued in practice alone since then, with great success, and much of the important litigation of this region passes through his hands. Mr. Monroe is a conspicuous figure in the social and club circles here, and is a member and officer of Dunkirk Lodge, No. 922, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, a member of the Citizens' Club of Fredonia, and the Fredonia Bar Association. In politics he is a Republican. Mr. Monroe is unmarried.

**C. ELMER OLSON**—Among the representative citizens of Stockton, N. Y., is C. Elmer Olson, cashier of the private bank of Lavern W. Lazell & Company. Since coming to this community, he has identified himself with everything pertaining to the welfare of his fellow-citizens and is highly respected by all who know him.

C. Elmer Olson was born in Charlotte, N. Y., July 12, 1891, the son of Charles V. and Christine (Peterson) Olson. When about ten years of age, he moved with his parents to Stockton and there he completed his education. After leaving school he secured a position as clerk with Crissey & Hendee. In 1911 he was made cashier in the bank of Lavern W. Lazell & Company, which position he still holds, and Melvin J. Olson, his brother, is assistant cashier of Lavern W. Lazell & Company, Boston. C. Elmer Olson is also treasurer of the Empire State Degree of Honor.

In politics, Mr. Olson is a Republican. His best efforts are always given to the advancement of whatever in his judgment tends to the furtherance of the welfare and progress of his community. During the World War he was chairman of four Liberty loan drives, and was treasurer of the Red Cross. He is affiliated with Sylvan Lodge, No. 303, Free and Accepted Masons. Mr. Olson is unmarried.

**GEORGE R. RAYNOR**, principal of the Chautauqua High School, was born at Hartfield, N. Y., April 11, 1871. His grandfather, John Raynor, moved from Herkimer county and settled on the shores of the lake in the town of Chautauqua during the year 1835.

Mr. Raynor laid the foundation for his education in the Pleasantville District School and the Mayville High School, graduating from high school in 1889. In the autumn of this year he entered the University of Rochester, with the intention of securing further academic training, preparatory to taking a special course





*Elmer Olson*



in medicine. At the close of a successful year at college, it became necessary to earn the money with which to continue his course. In order to do so he secured a teacher's certificate and taught for two years in district schools. The life of young people and the task in instructing them appealed so strongly to him that he felt impelled to make teaching a life profession. Entering the Fredonia Normal School, he graduated from the four years' classical course in June, 1896.

After a year's experience as principal of a high school in Genesee county, he returned to his native county, where he has since then engaged in educational work. During the six years, 1898-1902, he was principal of the Frewsburg High School, and for the following thirteen years, 1903-1916, he had charge of the schools of the village of Falconer. The period of his administration there was marked by the rapid growth and advancement of the schools. He supervised the construction and equipment of two new school buildings, and witnessed an increase in the teaching staff from eight to twenty-seven, as well as an increase of nearly 200 per cent. of pupils enrolled. In September, 1916, he accepted the principalship of the Chautauqua High School, his present field of labor. During the past three summers he has had charge of the Department of Mathematics in the Chautauqua Summer Schools. During the last year of the war he was granted a year's leave of absence, and served for seven months as educational director of the Army Schools for American Soldiers in one of the large army camps in France.

Mr. Raynor has been honored by his associates, having served as president of the Schoolmasters' Club of Western New York, president of the Chautauqua County Teachers' Association, and as member of the executive committee of the Associated Academic Principals of the State of New York. He was elected district superintendent of schools, but declined the office, preferring the closer touch with pupils afforded in doing high school work.

**GLENN A. FRANK**, who holds a prominent place among the successful attorneys of Jamestown, Chautauqua county, N. Y., and at present occupies the office of deputy attorney-general of New York State, with his office at Albany, was born in Busti, N. Y., April 20, 1878, a son of Dwight D. and Esther L. (Trask) Frank, both of whom are living, the former being a successful stock and truck farmer in this region.

The education of Glenn A. Frank was begun in the Jamestown Grammar Schools, to which city his parents removed when he was four years old, and he later attended the high school, graduating therefrom with the class of 1899. He had in the meantime decided to follow the law as a profession, and accordingly had already begun to study his chosen subject before graduating from high school. He carried on these studies in the law office of A. C. Pickard, a well known attorney of Jamestown, and was admitted to the bar in June, 1900. He practiced for a year at Jamestown, and was then appointed to fill an unexpired term as justice of the peace. He was so satisfactory in this capacity that at the end of his term he was elected for another full

term and was reelected to the same post two years later. Finally, in 1904, he resigned from this position in order to fill the post of special agent to the State Excise Department, to which he had been appointed sometime previously. He continued to fill this office until April, 1911, when he resigned and resumed the private practice of his profession in Jamestown. He continued thus occupied until Jan. 1, 1916, when he was appointed to his present position as deputy attorney-general of New York State. He has held this exceedingly responsible office ever since and has discharged its difficult duties in a manner highly satisfactory to the community-at-large. During the time that Mr. Frank was engaged in private practice, before his appointment to his present office, he also formed an association with a Mr. Eckstrom, under the firm name of Eckstrom & Frank, and engaged extensively in the real estate business, handling much valuable property in and about Jamestown. He has always taken a keen interest in local, political, social and fraternal affairs, and is quite active in the former realm. He possesses many qualities to make him successful in a political career, mixing easily with all types and classes of men and being a ready and attractive speaker. He has gained a wide popularity throughout the community, and the rapid progress which he has made to a position of influence here has been due entirely to his own efforts. At the present time he represents a powerful and beneficent factor in the life of the community, and the future holds out a bright promise for a still more brilliant career of personal achievements and public service. In politics he is a staunch supporter of the principles and policies of the Republican party, being one of the leaders in Chautauqua county and Republican State committeeman. Mr. Frank is a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Mt. Tabor Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Jamestown Bar Association.

Glenn A. Frank was united in marriage, June 17, 1903, at Buffalo, N. Y., with Ora L. Post, a daughter of Jerome W. and Lydia W. Post, formerly residents of Pleasantville, Pa., where they were highly esteemed. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank, as follows: Nixon L., April 7, 1905; Jean A., June 18, 1911.

**GERRY H. WILCOX**—Well known in the town of Villenova as a substantial farmer and upright citizen, Gerry H. Wilcox in his life exemplifies the homely virtues, industry and honesty to a degree worthy of emulation. The old Wilcox homestead in Villenova, where he was born, is now the joint property of Gerry H. Wilcox and brother, and their home, which comprises 300 acres, yields bountifully in response to their intelligent management.

Gerry H. Wilcox is a descendant of Thomas and Huldah (McManus) Wilcox, early settlers of Cherry Creek, Chautauqua county, N. Y. Huldah McManus was a daughter of Capt. Christopher McManus, a Revolutionary soldier from New Jersey, who died in Forestville, Chautauqua county, N. Y., in 1849, aged ninety-three. Several of the sons of Christopher McManus served in the War of 1812. Captain McManus came to the town of Hanover, Chautauqua county, N. Y., in 1811, his daughter Huldah walking the entire distance.

Thomas Wilcox came to Chautauqua from Litchfield, Herkimer county, N. Y.

Erastus B. Wilcox, son of Thomas and Huldah (McManus) Wilcox, was born in Chautauqua county, N. Y., in 1820, and in 1850 moved to the town of Villenova in the same county. He married Roxy Bugbee, daughter of Oliver Bugbee, of Vermont, a colonel of the War of 1812, who settled in the town of Ellington, Chautauqua county, in 1818.

Martin H. Wilcox, only son of Erastus B. and Roxy (Bugbee) Wilcox, was born in the town of Cherry Creek, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Oct. 14, 1844, but in 1850 his parents moved to the town of Villenova, and there his after life was spent. He became a farmer, and in course of time became the owner of Maple Hill Farm, which he operated as a dairy. This farm, on the Cherry Creek road, south of Balcom, is now the property of his sons, Gerry H. and Shirley J. Wilcox. Mr. Wilcox, an ardent Republican, was often a delegate to party conventions, served as overseer of the poor, and for more than thirty years was town constable. He married Anna E. Brown, eldest daughter of Horace and Lydia A. (Myers) Brown, of Cherry Creek. Martin H. and Anna E. (Brown) Wilcox, now both deceased, were the parents of five sons: Warren F., born Dec. 31, 1880, a graduate of Allegheny College, A. B., class of 1904; Gerry H., of further mention; William B.; Allen M., deceased; and Shirley J.

Gerry H. Wilcox, second son of Martin H. and Anna E. (Brown) Wilcox, was born at the homestead in the town of Villenova, Chautauqua county, N. Y., June 16, 1883. He was educated in public schools. He grew to manhood at the home farm, and upon the death of his father, together with his brother, Shirley J., became owners of the farm. The Maple Hill Farm Dairy was established by Martin H. Wilcox, and is continued by his sons. In connection with his farm and dairy, Mr. Wilcox has taken an active interest in public life. For twelve years he has been deputy sheriff of Chautauqua county, has served as justice of the peace of Villenova, having been elected when twenty-two years old, and is at present (1921) overseer of the poor and school director of the town. He is a member of the Patrons of Husbandry, and is past master of Chautauqua County Pomona Grange. His religious affiliation is with the Methodist Episcopal church. His fraternal connection is with Cherry Creek Lodge, No. 384, Free and Accepted Masons, and Villenova Lodge, No. 941, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, serving the last named as secretary.

Mr. Wilcox married, in Falconer, Chautauqua county, N. Y., June 13, 1907, Fern Vincent, born in Villenova, June 15, 1882, daughter of Joseph and Philena (Richardson) Vincent, her father born in Villenova, her mother in Cortland county, N. Y. Joseph Vincent was a son of Benjamin Vincent, born in Connecticut. Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox are the parents of three children: Irene A., born June 7, 1908; Wayne G., born April 17, 1913; Helen F., born June 9, 1918.

**REV. CHARLES H. O'HARA**, one of the younger priests of the Catholic church in Chautauqua county, is a native son of New York, born in Batavia, July 9,

1886, son of James A. O'Hara, a railroad conductor, and Ellen (Skahen) O'Hara, who survives her husband.

Charles H. O'Hara attended the public schools in Buffalo, and for six years was a student at Canisius College, located in the same city. Upon leaving the latter institution, in 1906, he pursued his philosophical and theological studies for six years at the College of the Propaganda in Rome, Italy, and there was ordained to the Roman Catholic priesthood, March 23, 1912, by Archbishop Bonzano, Apostolic Delegate to the United States. Upon his return to America after ordination, Father O'Hara was first sent to Holley, N. Y. Thereafter, he acted as curate at St. Joseph's Old Cathedral, Buffalo, N. Y.; at St. Mary's, Medina, N. Y.; and at Nativity Church, Buffalo, N. Y. In 1915, Father O'Hara was appointed pastor of the Italian parish at Lime Rock, N. Y., and in July, 1917, was transferred to his present field of labor, Holy Trinity Church, Dunkirk, N. Y.

**WILLIAM FREDERICK SCHWAN**—In his native land, a half century ago, William F. Schwan began his long apprenticeship to the business which he has followed on two continents and for which he has a deep love and strong native talent. He learned the business thoroughly in all its departments, and as florist or landscape gardener is master of his business which ranks little short of a profession. He is a son of Christopher and Augusta Mary Schwan, of Pomerania, Germany, where William Frederick Schwan was born on Jan. 8, 1855.

He attended school until fourteen years of age, then became a florist's apprentice for three years, from fourteen to seventeen years, on the Von Wedel estate; later served as assistant florist and foreman of landscape gardening under Koch Brothers, florists, greenhouse and landscape gardeners. William F. Schwan became an expert and did the landscape beauties of several handsome German estates before coming to the United States in March, 1888. In the United States he was employed in an Ohio greenhouse six months, then started a small plant of his own in Chillicothe, Iowa, growing vegetables and plants under glass. A year later he went to Marion, Ohio, thence to Dunkirk, N. Y., finally coming to Fredonia, where after six months with Wilbur, the florist, he again began business for himself, starting in a small way. In 1909 he bought the Wilbur plant, which he has since enlarged and yet operates with about 18,000 feet under glass. He raises plants and flowers for the trade and has a store in Dunkirk. His son, Charles F. Schwan, is his associate in the business. The firm is a member of the Society of American Florists and Florist Telegraph Delivery, the Northern Chautauqua Florists' Club, Dunkirk Chamber of Commerce, Dunkirk Merchants' Exchange, and Fredonia Chamber of Commerce. In politics Mr. Schwan is a Republican, and in religion, a Lutheran. He is a member of the Protective Home Circle.

William F. Schwan married, in Germany, Oct. 28, 1879, Anna Mary Wyman, and they are the parents of six children: 1. William G., their eldest, never came





Wm F Schwan



to the United States, but remained in Germany, was sent to college, and became an officer in the German army; he was taken prisoner, Aug. 14, 1918, and held until the end of the war; he is a school teacher. 2. Charles Frederick, a graduate of Bryant & Stratton's Business College at Buffalo; a salesman, traveling for the Lake Shore Seed Company for three years, 1903-1906, but since 1910 associated in business with his father; member of Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Modern Woodmen, Volunteer Fire Company; secretary and treasurer of the local Florists' Club; he married Mary Ellen Bellman, and has a son, Charles Frederick, Jr. 3. Anna Eliza. 4. Franceska Rosalia, now with the Atlas Steel Company. 5. Robert Charles, a graduate of Columbia University, A. B., B. S., now principal of Belmont (N. Y.) High School. 6. Werner, partner and manager of the National Auto Supply Company of Dallas, Tex.; during the World War he was in the service as instructor at Fort Sill; he is a thirty-second degree member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

**HAROLD HARVEY HICKEY, D. D. S.**—At the period of greatest unrest in our country, owing to the strained relations with Germany, Dr. Hickey was about finishing his course in the dental department of the University of Buffalo. After graduation he remained at the University as instructor, then entered the service of his country. After receiving an honorable discharge, he resumed his interrupted career and is now established in practice in Fredonia. He is a son of Frank Harvey and Belle (Shearer) Hickey, who at the time of the birth of their eldest son, Harold H., were residing in the village of Brant, Erie county, N. Y. Their second and only other child, Roland Hickey, is an automobile salesman in Buffalo.

Harold Harvey Hickey was born in Brant, N. Y., Dec. 26, 1892. He attended the public schools, and after completing courses at Fredonia High School entered the dental department of the University of Buffalo, whence he was graduated D. D. S., class of 1917. He volunteered for service during the war with Germany, and expecting to be called at any time Dr. Hickey spent the months following graduation in temporary practice and as instructor in the infirmary of the University of Buffalo. He was not called into the service of the medical department of the United States army until June 14, 1918, his first detail being to Camp Greenleaf, thence to Camp Beauregard in Louisiana, spending four months in each camp. He was honorably discharged Jan. 23, 1919. Later he reenlisted in the Medical Reserve Corps, with the rank of first lieutenant. He spent three months in Miami, Fla., as assistant to Dr. Laymon, then returned to Fredonia, N. Y., and began the private practice of dentistry, his specialty orthodontia, the straightening of teeth. Dr. Hickey is a member of Delta Sigma Delta, college fraternity; was president of the Barrettonian Society, a society for the promotion of the welfare of the student body; was prominent in athletics; is a member of the New York State and American Dental societies, the Masonic Order, American Legion, the Pre-

paredness League, and the Methodist Episcopal church. In politics Dr. Hickey is a Democrat.

Dr. Hickey married, June 5, 1918, Mildred Hart, of Fredonia, daughter of William and Frederica (Goldberg) Hart.

**FRANK M. TINKHAM**—The firm Tinkham Brothers, wholesale dealers of Jamestown, N. Y., is composed of Frank M. and Fred B. Tinkham, who came to that city in 1900, young men but veterans in business, Medina, Orleans county, N. Y., having been the scene of their former business activities. The twenty years which have since intervened have been years of expansion and development of the business interests of Tinkham Brothers, who today are important wholesale dealers in widely known brands of cigars whose sale they control in a certain territory in New York and Pennsylvania. They are maintaining branch houses in Buffalo and Rochester, N. Y. This has been Tinkham Brothers' contribution to Jamestown business development, and their civic record is one of equal honor.

Frank M. Tinkham was born in Camillus, Onondaga county, N. Y., son of Grove L. and Rosa A. (Baker) Tinkham. In boyhood the family moved to Medina, Orleans county, N. Y., where Grove L. Tinkham engaged in business as a wholesale dealer in general produce, and served the village as justice of the peace for many years. He died in Medina, Oct. 1, 1916. Rosa A. (Baker) Tinkham, now also deceased, was a graduate of Albion Seminary, and a member of an old Orleans county family.

Until seventeen years of age, Frank M. Tinkham attended the schools of Medina, then began his business career in his father's business. He then made a change which was destined to determine his business future, and may be considered the most important event of his life in its far-reaching consequences. This was his entering the employ of S. A. Cook, of Medina, a wholesale dealer in cigars and tobacco, who covered his territory with a four-horse team drawing a large covered wagon, from which he distributed his goods to the dealers he served. This outfit, known as "Cook's Big Four," became the charge of Frank M. Tinkham, who drove over the route for four years, gaining high reputation as a salesman and as a keen, wide-awake young business man. At the end of four years he gave up the "Big Four," but continued with Mr. Cook as salesman for several years. In 1892, his brother, Fred B. Tinkham, entered Mr. Cook's employ, and in 1893 the brothers pooled their capital and bought a half interest in the Cook business, operating under the name, S. A. Cook & Tinkham Brothers. In 1895, the business was reorganized under the corporate name S. A. Cook & Company. George Bowen and D. J. Bigelow were added to its personnel, and the manufacture of furniture made a part of the business. In 1900, the Tinkham brothers sold their interests in S. A. Cook & Company to their associates in that company and retired to inaugurate their own private business undertakings.

With their withdrawal from business in Medina came their removal from that town, Jamestown, N. Y., being selected as the seat of their proposed venture.

They came to the city in 1900, and under the firm name Tinkham Brothers, opened a wholesale cigar and notions business in the Gifford building, opposite the Humphrey House. Eight years were passed in that location, years of growth as a business enterprise, and years of development for the partners as practical, progressive factors in the world of commerce. In 1908, Tinkham Brothers moved to the newly completed Barrett building, securing space on the first, second, third and fourth floors of that building. Prior to this removal of location the firm bought the notion business of W. W. & C. S. Fish, of Salamanca, which they added to their own, and in 1909 they bought the United Hosiery Company, at Youngsville, Pa. They employ about thirty people in their business, and confine their operations to perhaps forty counties of New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio most convenient to Jamestown, their headquarters and shipping center. The firm is a prosperous one, and in all departments the business reflects the ability and energy of its guiding heads.

Since his coming to Jamestown, Frank M. Tinkham has loyally supported all movements for the advancement of the city's interests, and is identified with the liberal, progressive, public-spirited men who have so freely given of their time and their means to serve the common good. He is a director of the Jamestown Chamber of Commerce; a thirty-second degree Mason, also a member of Ismailia Temple, Mystic Shrine; the Fraternal Order of Eagles; the Jamestown Club, and is president of the Jamestown Automobile Club.

Such is the life story of a man hardly yet in life's prime, who won success by always doing well the duty in hand, and thus being well prepared to advance to a higher level in the business world. The prosperity that has come to him has been fairly earned, and in advancing his own fortune no man has been wronged or made to suffer. Tinkham Brothers value their good name in the trade beyond price, and in private life honor and uprightness distinguish the members of the firm.

Frank M. Tinkham and his family reside at No. 165 Forest avenue, Jamestown.

**THE SACRED HEART CHURCH,** Lakewood-on-Chautauqua-Lake, N. Y., Rev. Thomas H. Harrigan, rector, was originally a part of SS. Peter and Paul's Parish at Jamestown. Rt. Rev. Bishop Colton, seeing the necessity of a new parish on the lake for the accommodation of summer visitors, sent Rev. David J. Mountain in the summer of 1911 to attend to their spiritual wants, and incidentally to look the ground over with the intention of forming a new parish. Rev. Father Mountain said mass in the old Town Hall for a time, later purchasing the vacant church edifice on Ohio avenue. This building was erected by the summer colony to be used as a Protestant community church, and was later purchased by Mrs. Rose Kent, who intended to convert it into a Christian Science church. It was later used as a chamber of commerce building, then as a firemen's hall, and finally as an electric light station.

In the summer of 1912, Rev. Thomas H. Harrigan was appointed first resident rector. The first mass was

said in the new parish by Rev. Martin J. Blake, C. M., of Niagara University, on Pentecost Sunday, May 25, 1912. The parish, beginning with twelve families, is constantly growing. The church building has been entirely remodeled and it is one of the prettiest country churches in Western New York. The missions at Mayville and French Creek were also attended by Rev. Father Harrigan until an independent parish was formed at French Creek. However, he is still in charge of Sacred Heart parish and the Mayville mission.

Rev. Father Harrigan is a native of Middletown, Conn., a son of John H. and Mary (Kellieher) Harrigan. He was educated in the parochial schools of Middletown, and made his preparatory college courses at Niagara University, later entering the Seminary of Our Lady of Angels at Niagara University. He was ordained May 25, 1907, by Rt. Rev. Bishop Colton in the old St. Joseph's Cathedral, Buffalo, N. Y. His first curacy was at the old St. Joseph's Cathedral, where he remained for three years, later being appointed rector of St. Patrick's Church, Fillmore, N. Y., leaving after two years to take charge of the Sacred Heart parish at Lakewood.

An Altar Society, the Society of the Holy Name, and the Sodality of the Children of Mary have been instituted by Father Harrigan at Lakewood, and the members of these organizations are very active in the work of the parish. Father Harrigan is also chaplain of Jamestown Council, No. 926, Knights of Columbus. During the World War, Father Harrigan took an active part in Liberty Loan work and was chairman of the Committee on the Fifth Loan and also of the Red Cross drive in Busti township. Archbishop Hayes, of New York, appointed him a war chaplain, but because of the signing of the armistice he had no opportunity to serve in this capacity. It was he who originated the Victory celebration at Lakewood and delivered the address to the returning soldiers, Aug. 6, 1919. Rev. Father Harrigan is much interested in community affairs, and has made a very important place for himself in the life of Lakewood, where he is much revered because of his splendid and unselfish service.

**FRANK A. SMILEY**—The Smiley family, of which today Frank A. Smiley, of Ellery township, Jamestown, N. Y., is one of the representatives, is an old one in Chautauqua county, its members having played conspicuous parts in many different departments of the community's life during several generations and are now numerous in the region. Mr. Smiley was born in the town of Harmony, March 26, 1862, a son of Freeborn L. and Anna (Brown) Smiley, the former a prominent member of the community, where he was engaged for many years in business as a manufacturer of wagons.

Frank A. Smiley spent his childhood in his native region, dividing his time between attending the local district schools and the wholesome sports and pastimes of country boys. Early in life he began to display that peculiar talent for doing all things well that is so characteristic of the sturdy, self-reliant youth of America, a talent which may be seen at present in the various pursuits and enterprises in which he is engaged



and in all of which he has succeeded equally. Upon completing his studies at the local schools, Mr. Smiley took up the lumber business as an occupation and continued therein for fourteen years, and later became the owner of a well equipped mill. He also entered the mercantile realm, and for a time maintained successful stores at Bemus Point and Lakewood. In all his ventures Mr. Smiley met with the well merited success of his industry and intelligence, gradually becoming one of the best known and most highly respected figures in the community and an influential factor in the general business life. Mr. Smiley is a Republican in politics and, although his many and various activities prevent him from taking that part in public affairs for which his abilities fit him, keeps himself abreast of all the vital issues of the day, and is a staunch supporter of the policies of his party. He is an active and valued member of Centralia Grange, of Jamestown.

Frank A. Smiley married (first) Georgie C. Beck, whose death occurred June 15, 1906, and by whom he had four children, as follows: George, born Dec. 5, 1890; Harry A., born April 14, 1892; Raymond F., born Dec. 11, 1899; and Agnes A., born Jan. 13, 1902. He married (second) July 15, 1909, Louise F. Smith, of Jamestown, N. Y., a daughter of Charles W. and Della G. (Strickland) Smith.

**ELIAL CARPENTER CATLIN**—Born in the city of Jamestown, N. Y., where his years, forty-two, have been spent, Mr. Catlin carries all the dignity and privileges of a "native son," and in his ancestry claims a reflected prestige attached to early Colonial forbears. This branch of the Catlins trace to Theron Catlin, born in Vermont, who later in life purchased a farm in the historic Wyoming Valley of Pennsylvania and there spent the remainder of his life, a tiller of the soil.

One of the four sons of Theron Catlin (he also had four daughters) was Linus Catlin, born in Vermont, in 1799, who did not go to the Wyoming Valley with his father, but located in North Hudson, Essex county, N. Y., and lived a farmer until coming to Jamestown, N. Y., where he died, aged over ninety. He was an ardent Democrat, and a man of strong character and upright life. He married Sabrina Jones, and they were the parents of four children, including an only son, Ashbill R. Catlin. Mrs. Catlin was a daughter of Peletiah Jones, born in Schroon, Essex county, N. Y., and there married, reared a family and until death was a farmer.

Ashbill R. Catlin was educated in public schools and Jamestown Academy, and when selecting a life work passed by the family business of farming and chose mercantile life. In 1850, he opened a grocery store in Jamestown on Main street, which he successfully conducted for about half a century. He was a man of clear mind and sound judgment, a good business man and citizen. He, like his father, was a Democrat in politics, and well liked. He married, Nov. 20, 1851, Ruth A. Southwick, daughter of Alwin Southwick, of the town of Busti, Chautauqua county, N. Y. They were the parents of six children, two of whom died young; the others were: Frank L., of further mention; Ada E., married John C. Palmer, an oil well supply dealer of Pittsburgh; John B., who became his

father's business associate; Agnes, married Charles W. Warrington, of Denver, Col.

Frank L. Catlin, eldest son of Ashbill R. and Ruth A. (Southwick) Catlin, was born in Jamestown, N. Y., Oct. 21, 1854, and died in the city of Denver, Col. He was educated in the Jamestown public schools, and began business life as a clerk in his father's grocery store on Main street. Later he engaged in business for himself at the corner of First and Main streets, there continuing until his removal to Denver, Col., where he engaged in business as a wholesale confectioner and there was living at the time of his death. He married, Oct. 13, 1875, Addie Julia Carpenter, born in Jamestown, daughter of Col. Elial Foote and Julia A. (Jeffords) Carpenter, and granddaughter of John and Phoebe (Wood) Jeffords. Her father, Colonel Carpenter, was lieutenant-colonel of the 112th Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry, and was mortally wounded at the battle of Proctor's Creek, May 8, 1864. Colonel Carpenter left three daughters: Belle E., now Mrs. Granden; Franc C., now Mrs. Brightman, and Addie J., now Mrs. Frink; all residents of Jamestown. Frank L. and Addie Julia (Carpenter) Catlin were the parents of an only son, Elial Carpenter, of further mention.

Elial Carpenter Catlin, son of Frank L. and Addie J. (Carpenter) Catlin, was born in Jamestown, May 24, 1878, and is now (1920) a resident and honored business man of his native city. He was educated in private schools in Jamestown, Bradford High School, receiving his diploma from the county seat at Smethport, McKean county, Pa., and Jamestown Business College. He was a young man when he entered the employ of the American Railway Express Company as cashier of the Jamestown office, and that responsible position he filled most satisfactorily until 1912, when he was appointed agent at Jamestown to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the former agent, B. R. Hiller. He has now held that position eight years and has satisfied the demands made by the public and earned at the same time the approval of the company officials. Mr. Catlin is a man of pleasing personality and sterling character, and is highly esteemed by his many, many friends. He is a Republican in politics; member of Mt. Moriah Lodge, No. 145, Free and Accepted Masons; Western Sun Chapter, No. 67, Royal Arch Masons; Jamestown Council, No. 32, Royal and Select Masters; Jamestown Commandery, No. 61, Knights Templar; Jamestown Lodge of Perfection; Jamestown Council Princes of Jerusalem; Buffalo Consistory, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and Ismailia Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Mr. Catlin married, in Jamestown, N. Y., Nov. 7, 1898, Marion I. Phillips, born in Buffalo, N. Y., Oct. 2, 1879, daughter of Alvin and Olive (Howard) Phillips. Mrs. Catlin is a member of the Congregational church, Mt. Sinai Chapter, No. 132, Order of Eastern Star; Chautauqua Court, No. 38, Order of Amaranth; and of the Mothers' Club of Public School No. 7, in which she is very active. Mr. and Mrs. Catlin are the parents of a son, Elial Carpenter, Jr., born in Jamestown, Nov. 28, 1913.

Mrs. Addie Julia (Carpenter) Catlin married (second) Walter Porter Frink, born at Silver Creek, N. Y.,

April 21, 1859, son of Albert and Martha (Penhollow) Frink, and grandson of Rev. John Frink, a devoted Baptist missionary preacher, who was well known in Western New York. Walter Porter Frink for a number of years was with the Erie Railroad at Erie, Mayville, Corseys, N. Y.; later in Milwaukee, Wis., and afterwards returned to Chautauqua county, N. Y., locating in Jamestown, where he served the United States government under Postmaster Charles Wicks. Later he engaged in mercantile business at Lewis Run, Pa., conducting a general store there for ten years. He then sold out and resumed business in Jamestown, continuing until 1917, when he became connected with the American Railway Express Company in Jamestown, where he still continues. He is a Republican in politics, member of the Baptist church, Mt. Tabor Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Knights of the Maccabees. The Frink home is on East Second street, corner of Phillips street, its site the old William Carpenter home, which has been in the family for more than 100 years.

Mrs. Addie J. Frink was educated in Jamestown schools, finishing in high school. For many years she was a devoted member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, and during the ten years that she spent in Lewis Run, in the Pennsylvania oil region, she was very active in securing the erection of the church there in 1910. She became a convert to Spiritualism, and since 1910 has been very active in promoting that faith as medium, lecturer and president of the Spiritual Society of Jamestown. She has read and studied deeply the doctrine and faith, and from her study, her personal experiences, and those of others, she has arrived at a firm belief in Spiritualism, and from that belief derives deep joy and happiness.

**REV. JAMES MARY CARRA** was born in Quargnento, Province of Alexandria, Piedmont, Italy, Feb. 11, 1870. He was a son of Dalmatius and Catherine Carra. He received his early education at the elementary schools of Quargnento, the grammar and classical school of Sampierd, Arena, at Genoa, Italy. He then entered the seminary at Alexandria, where he completed a theological course, and in 1895 he graduated from the Pontifical College of St. Thomas d' Aquino, at Genoa. He was ordained, Dec. 17, 1892, at Alexandria.

His first appointment was as assistant priest at Marengo, Alexandria, where he remained from June, 1893, to July 1, 1894. At that time he became chaplain of the City Hospital of Alexandria, and he served as chaplain there until Oct. 1, 1901, a period of seven years and four months of faithful and untiring service. He was next chaplain at Broni, Province of Pavia, from Oct. 1, 1901, to July 1, 1907. Then for a little more than a year he was chaplain of the Sisters of the Sacred Heart at Solero, where he continued until August, 1908.

In September, 1908, he came to the United States, where he filled a call to the pastorate at Brant, N. Y., in the diocese of Buffalo, under Bishop Colton. After serving as pastor at Brant for three months, he went to Mt. Carmel Church at Buffalo, as assistant priest,

and on March 1, 1910, in the same capacity to St. Lucy's Church, of Buffalo, a Catholic church of Italian attendants. On June 8, 1910, he was sent to Jamestown, N. Y. Here he built St. James' (Italian) Church. The congregation of the church at that time was approximately two thousand, now the church has an attendance of four thousand Italians. Such an increase of membership in itself bespeaks the success of Dr. Carra's pastorate, which was one of faithful and devoted performance of duties for the benefit of his brother men and parishoners.

During the Great War, Dr. Carra was commissioned first lieutenant chaplain. On Oct. 19, 1918, he went to Hoboken, N. J., where he received orders to leave for France, Nov. 16, 1918, but was detained by the cancellation of his orders, after which Dr. Carra was assigned to port chaplain officer. While in Hoboken, he called on the wounded at St. Mary's Hospital, of that city, until his transfer to the base hospital at Camp Merritt, N. J. On March 8, 1918, he was assigned to the Italian line transport "America." He made one trip to Italy and France, returned, and was discharged from service, July 1, 1918.

Dr. Carra is a third degree member of the Knights of Columbus, at Jamestown, N. Y., and belongs also to the Holy Name Society and to the Bellini Club of Buffalo, N. Y. In connection with his church, Dr. Carra has a school and convent. Three hundred and twenty-five pupils attend the school, and seven sisters are at the convent there. He has done much to build up the section of his parish through his church. The average number of marriages per year is about fifty, while the number of baptisms is almost 200. In connection with his church are the following societies: St. Sebastian Society, Holy Name Society, Christopher Columbus Society, the Italo-Americano Mutual Benefit Society, and St. James' Club. Besides the many additions and improvements which Dr. Carra has accomplished in his present diocese, he has to his other material results the Church of Our Lady of Loretto, at Falconer. The congregation in this recently new church averages about 150 Italian families.

**GEORGE N. TOMPKINS**, for many years a successful and enterprising merchant at Gerry, Chautauqua county, N. Y., and a man of prominence in the public affairs of that district, having been town clerk, supervisor and postmaster for many years, is one of the well known citizens of Chautauqua county.

George N. Tompkins is a native of Gerry, born Nov. 8, 1874, the son of Nathaniel and Martha (Hale) Tompkins, well known and respected residents of Gerry, where Nathaniel Tompkins operated a farm until his retirement. As a boy, George N. Tompkins attended the local public schools, and eventually joined his father in farming. Later he operated a creamery and general store in Gerry, success attending his enterprise, and still later he became prominent in the political life of Gerry. In politics, he is a member of the Republican party. In the local administration, he has for many years been town clerk, supervisor and postmaster. Upon his retirement from the postmastership, Mrs. Tompkins passed the civil service examination



and succeeded her husband in the office. For a number of years Mr. Tompkins held membership in the local grange. He is also identified with the Masonic order.

On Jan. 24, 1894, Mr. Tompkins married, at Gerry, Blanche Harris, who was born in Ellicott, Chautauqua county, N. Y., May 20, 1874, daughter of Eugene D. and Ophelia (Sears) Harris, and a descendant of an old Chautauqua county family. To Mr. and Mrs. Tompkins has been born one child, Hubert D., July 4, 1898; educated in the district school at Gerry and Jamestown High School; during the World war was in training at Geneva, N. Y., at the Students' Army Training Camps. Mr. and Mrs. Tompkins took active part in many local movements of patriotic purport, and they subscribed unstintedly to the several funds promoted to meet the needs of the war, in its many phases. They indefatigably labored for the cause in the phase of the national effort allotted to patriotic men and women for execution, and in cheering the young soldiers of the district upon their departure, in making articles for their comfort and well being while they were away, and in properly welcoming them upon their return home.

**CHARLES JOHN ANDERSON** obtained his education and his training in the business that has formed the basis of his signal success in his native Sweden. He came to the United States as a young man of eighteen years, in 1880, and in the time intervening has come to occupy an important place in the business and industrial interests of Western New York.

Charles John Anderson was born in Frodenge, Kalmer Lan, Sweden, June 21, 1862, son of Eric and Frederica (Jones) Anderson. Eric Anderson came to the United States in 1871, and for a short time stopped at Jamestown, N. Y., soon proceeding to Wilkes-Barre, Pa., where he became a foreman in a coal mine. From Wilkes-Barre he went to Kinzua, Pa., and there was employed as railroad foreman in charge of 175 men. Subsequently, he engaged in farming in Warren county, Pa., and died there at the age of sixty-three years. Upon coming to the United States, Eric Anderson left his family in Sweden. In 1880, his son, Charles J., followed him to this country, locating in Jamestown, N. Y., and the following year he sent for his brother, August L. Two years later, in 1883, the mother and two daughters of the family crossed the Atlantic and joined Eric Anderson on his farm at Sugar Grove, Warren county, Pa.

Charles J. Anderson attended school and learned the shoemaker's trade in Sweden, and for two and one-half years after settling in Jamestown, N. Y., he repaired, made, and sold shoes in a little shop owned by him. At the end of this time, forming a partnership with C. W. Gripp, he opened a shoe store on East Second street, near the site of his present store. During his three years' partnership with Mr. Gripp they moved their business to No. 103 East Second street, one of his present locations, and after purchasing Mr. Gripp's interest he continued to conduct the enterprise alone. Mr. Anderson extended his shoe store interests, at one time owning and operating five stores, including establishments in Jamestown, Falconer and Mayville, N. Y., and Bradford and Warren, Pa. Disposing of

all excepting his Jamestown store, this was his sole connection in this line until 1906, when he purchased another store, No. 223 North Main street. Both of these Jamestown stores are popularly patronized, and the lines carried uphold the reputation for reliability built up through forty years of shoe experience.

In the development of the industrial and the business life of the locality, Mr. Anderson has taken active part, and has acquired holdings in varied lines. He is president of the Elite Furniture Company of Jamestown, was the organizer and now financially interested in the Jamestown Car Parts Company, is a director of the Johanson & Hultberg Tool Company of Warren, of the United Oil & Gas Company, of Warren, Pa., and the Jamestown Metal Desk Company. Mr. Anderson also conducts a steamship ticket agency in Jamestown, representing several trans-Atlantic lines, including the Swedish-American, Scandinavian-American, Norwegian-American, White Star, Cunard, Anchor and International Mercantile Marine companies. He is a member of the New York State Shoe Dealers' Association, and once was a director in that organization. Mr. Anderson is a Republican in political faith, and for several terms filled the post of supervisor. His fraternal organizations are the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Loyal Order of Moose, the Knights of Pythias, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His club is the Norden of Jamestown. He has long been a devoted member of the First Swedish Lutheran Church of Jamestown, and for twelve years served the congregation as trustee.

Charles John Anderson married, April 8, 1886, Louise Lawson, of Busti, N. Y., daughter of John Lawson. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are the parents of a daughter, Mabel A.

Mr. Anderson has made for himself a responsible position in the business life of Jamestown. His reputation for uprightness and dependability has been earned through years of earnest effort and strict adherence to customs of fair dealing. His many connections require a large share of his time, but when opportunity offers he enjoys out-of-door recreation, particularly fishing. There are few departments of the life of his city to which he has not contributed something of influence and of helpfulness.

**COLUMBUS C. HAZARD**—The town of Ellery, Chautauqua county, N. Y., was Mr. Hazard's birthplace and here he has spent his long and useful life. He is one of Ellery's prosperous and contented farmers, a man who has borne his share of community responsibility and faithfully performed every trust reposed in him. He is a son of Caleb and Hannah (Newbury) Hazard, and grandson of Sylvester and Anna Hazard. Sylvester Hazard, the pioneer in Chautauqua county, was a farmer in Delaware county, and he and his wife came here with some of their children, others being born in Chautauqua county. Their children were: Caleb, Mary, Lucy, David, Arnold, Aldrich, Phoebe, Henry, Mercy, Robertson, Betsey, William. Caleb Hazard, the eldest son and father of Columbus C. Hazard, was born in 1807, and came with his parents to Chautauqua county in 1818. He

was a carpenter and joiner in early life, but later became a farmer. He was prominent in local affairs, and at one time served his town as highway commissioner. Caleb Hazard and his wife were the parents of the following children: Laura A., Algernon D., Columbus C. and Americus D.

Columbus C. Hazard was born in the town of Ellery, Chautauqua county, N. Y., June 17, 1850. He attended the district school in his youth and grew to manhood on the home farm. When the time came to choose his own occupation he continued in the same line, and his business life has been mainly spent in farming. In politics a Republican, Mr. Hazard served as highway commissioner for one term of two years, and for about twelve years has been assessor for the town of Ellery, his term not expiring until 1923. This endorsement of his fairness and good judgment coming from his neighbors and friends of a lifetime is a splendid testimonial. The only limit to his tenure of office will be his physical ability to perform the duties pertaining thereto, so well has he performed these duties in the past. Early in its history, Mr. Hazard became a member of Ellery Grange, No. 353, Patrons of Husbandry, and has for many years been one of its leading members. He has filled all the chairs, including that of master, holding that office for three years. For about fourteen years he has been a director of the Patrons Fire Relief Association and is still serving in that capacity. He is also a past worthy grand of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and affiliates with the Chautauqua County Branch of the New York State Farm Bureau.

Mr. Hazard married, Sept. 10, 1877, Eliza Rathbun, born March 8, 1859, near Willoughby, Ohio; died Feb. 3, 1920, in Ellery; daughter of John B. and Asenath Rathbun. Mr. and Mrs. Hazard are the parents of four children: 1. Ivah C., born April 13, 1880; married Elton Mans, of Ellery; children: Harold, Jessie and Izora. 2. Bessie Belle, born Oct. 14, 1883, died at the age of eight and one-half years. 3. C. Mabel, born Aug. 9, 1885; married Henry Wilson, of Ellery; children: Mildred and Flossy. 4. Cassius C., born April 29, 1895; he enlisted in the United States army, Nov. 4, 1917, and was assigned to the mechanical repair department; he was sent overseas with the American Expeditionary Forces, and most of his service abroad was with the American postoffice at Nevers, France; he was honorably discharged in March, 1919, and returned to his home; he married Ruby Brown, of Falconer.

**THOMAS ROBERT WRIGHT**, who was for a great many years one of the popular and influential farmers of Mayville, N. Y., and whose death at this place was felt as a severe loss to the entire community, was a son of Robert Wright, who was born in Grant-ham, Lincolnshire, England, Nov. 23, 1835. Robert Wright resided at his native birthplace until the death of his mother and then went to live with his aunt in London, remaining there for a period of two years. He later went to Antwerp, Belgium, and from there migrated to this country with his father in 1853, coming at once to Spring Brook, Erie county. Here they remained for about six years and in 1859 moved to Westfield. Robert Wright married, Sept. 6, 1866,

Mahala Sarah Dibble, and of this marriage one child was born, Thomas Robert Wright, with whose career we are here especially concerned. Robert Wright's death occurred at his home in Portland, Feb. 15, 1910.

Thomas Robert Wright, son of Robert and Mahala Sarah (Dibble) Wright, was born at Westfield, April 27, 1869, and resided in this vicinity for practically his entire life. For his education he attended the Westfield Union School and Academy and then engaged in the occupation of farming with his father, which they both carried on successfully, their farm being one of the finest in the region, both having cultivated it to perfection, making it second to none in the region. At the death of the elder man, Mr. Wright became the sole possessor of the old homestead and continued his operations.

Mr. Wright married, Dec. 30, 1903, Emma I. Meade, who survives him with their three children: Josephine C., John Robert, and James Thomas. An extract from the local press, given below, and written at the time of Mr. Wright's death by George S. Kent, an intimate friend of Mr. Wright's, well shows the character of the man and the esteem in which he was held throughout the entire region.

Born of a hardy and worthy ancestry that has helped develop this section of Chautauqua county and given to us several generations that represent our best type of character and citizenship. As a lifelong friend and neighbor I can truthfully say that his life represents the fulfillment of good purposes and principles, absolute fairness in his business relations with all, and a thoughtful kindness of purpose and action that endeared him to his neighbors, friends, and all who knew him in the everyday walks of life. With a quiet, unassuming manner, he met the duties and hardships of life with a devotion, energy and perseverance that knew no failure. Circumstances from his youth up threw unusual responsibilities upon him and he met them bravely and uncomplainingly. He was unaggressive in his nature, yet firm in his convictions of right or wrong. His creed seemed to be as well represented by the Golden Rule and its fulfillment as the best of us succeed in approximating in this life. As a friend from his childhood I knew of no word of his that ever left a sting or an unpleasant memory. Kindness and consideration were preëminently a part of his nature. It seems sad, indeed, that so worthy a life should be cut off at the zenith of its usefulness. \* \* \* His love and care for his mother, who survives him, and who lived with him, showed the true nobility of his nature, and is a worthier monument to his memory than sorrowing words can here express.

**MRS. VIOLA T. (HUNTINGTON) SPRAGUE**, a well known resident of Ellington, Chautauqua county, N. Y., where she is now residing, was born at Randolph, N. Y., Feb. 3, 1851, a daughter of Wesley and Nancy (Stephenson) Huntington, old and highly respected residents of that place. Mrs. Sprague as a child attended the local public schools of Randolph, where she established a fine record as a student. After completing her studies, she opened a dressmaking establishment in that place, in which enterprise she met with a notable degree of success, and which she followed for several years, her customers numbering many from among the wealthy residents of the town. About the year 1876 she removed to Ellington and has become one of the well known women of this town. She is a member of the Patrons of Husbandry, the Literary Society, the Methodist Aid Society, and is also a member of the Methodist church in Ellington. She was united in marriage, Oct. 12, 1876, at Elling-







*J. A. Eckman.*

ton, with Titus Sprague, a prominent agriculturist of Ellington, a son of Josiah and Elizabeth (Miles) Sprague, of Ellington. Mr. Sprague married (first) Melissa Brown, and by this marriage there were three children: Charles and Edna, died young; and Elva, born March 15, 1870, became the wife of Lee Dixon, a woolen manufacturer of Philadelphia. Children of Mr. Sprague by his second marriage: Archie, born Nov. 6, 1877, now connected with the engineering department of the Brooks Locomotive Company of Philadelphia; Arlie, born Feb. 4, 1882, died Jan. 13, 1920, who was the wife of Herbert Gates, a well known farmer of Ellington; Harry, born July 31, 1885, now superintendent of public schools at Summit, N. J.

**JOHN A. ECKMAN**, president of the Jamestown Metal Desk Company, Inc., is a man of enterprise and ability, quick to see and grasp business opportunities, practical and progressive in his methods, conscientious in the performance of business transactions, hence the success he has achieved, ranking among the reliable and successful business men of Jamestown, and among the many self-made men of Chautauqua county.

John A. Eckman was born in Sweden, April 2, 1868, son of Nels P. and Sophia (Johnson) Eckman, the latter now deceased, who emigrated to this country when their sons, John A. and Charles L., were very young. The family settled in Titusville, Pa., where the father obtained employment in the refinery department of the Standard Oil Company, being made foreman, a position he retained for twenty-five years. He was a most skillful workman, and the company had such confidence in his ability that they sent him to Buffalo to assist in the construction of a refinery there in 1882. His knowledge of the subject covered all necessary points and made him a valuable man to the company. In later years when his son, John A., had become a successful business man, he left the Standard Oil people and became the engineer at the furniture factory of his sons.

John A. Eckman received his education at the grammar and high schools in Titusville, and began his business career by securing employment in the refinery department of the Standard Oil Company in Titusville. He remained with them for three years, having charge of a number of men who did rebuilding at one of their refineries. His next employment was in a furniture factory in the same city, where he gained a practical knowledge of all the details of manufacture, this being of great benefit to him in his subsequent career. In 1900, Mr. Eckman and his brother, Charles L. Eckman, bought out the furniture factory of Breed & Johnson, the oldest furniture building concern in Jamestown, which they have conducted successfully for many years under the firm name of The Eckman Furniture Company. Early in 1920, John A. Eckman, realizing that metal was rapidly taking the place of wood in the manufacture of commercial furniture, concluded to devote his attention to the manufacture of metal office furniture, so he, with others, organized the Jamestown Metal Desk Company, Inc., of which he has since served in the capacity of president.

In addition to the extensive business interest mentioned above, Mr. Eckman is the possessor of a natural talent for music, which would have asserted itself even

if he had not had the advantages of studying under the best masters in the country. In order to gratify the wish of his mother, who was a lover of good music, John A. Eckman devoted considerable time to the study of it, entering the Conservatory of Music at Rock Island, Ill., where he took up the study of harmony, the theory and history of music, the mastery of both organ and piano playing, and also studying vocal music, remaining at the conservatory for two years. He then accepted a position as organist of the First Lutheran Church of Jamestown, and gave private lessons in organ and piano playing for nineteen years, also making a specialty of pipe organ and voice culture. For five years he made periodic trips to Chicago, Ill., to perfect himself in all branches of his art at the Chicago Musical College. In 1904, Mr. Eckman established the Eckman Music Store, and as the business immediately became a success, it occupied more and more of Mr. Eckman's time, so he gradually gave up teaching and devoted himself exclusively to the upbuilding of the largest music and supply house between Pittsburgh and Buffalo. Since becoming interested in the Jamestown Metal Desk Company, he has disposed of his musical supply business, thus giving all his time to the former.

The following is an extract from an article on the Swedish people of Jamestown, N. Y.:

One would be at fault not to mention John A. Eckman in this connection. From the year when he located here (1890) and became organist and choir-master in the First Lutheran Church, he has contributed in an eminent degree to the high class and excellence of music rendered in Jamestown. Besides what he did ex-officio in the church, he started in with organizing and directing the Chautauqua Maennerchor, which for some years appeared with success on many public occasions. Large choruses or choral unions sought him out as a leader. His most pretentious achievement along these lines was, maybe, the cantata which he composed in 1901, and brought out at the dedication of the grand organ of the First Lutheran Church.

The Orpheus and the Aeolian quartetts were under his leadership about that time. Under his direction the Swedish Glee Club made so great a progress that they, in 1899, dared to invite the American Union of Swedish Singers to hold their national conclave here two years later. At that event John A. Eckman was leader of the united local singers.

Mr. Eckman is president of the Eckman Furniture Company and director of the Liberty National Bank, member of the Chamber of Commerce of Jamestown, of the Order of Eagles, and of the Norden Club, of which he was secretary for the first four years after its organization. Mr. Eckman is not actively interested in politics, but votes the Republican ticket. He is a member of Holy Trinity English Lutheran Church, as is also his wife, and he is serving as a member of the council of the church.

In Frankfort, Mich., Oct. 30, 1906, John A. Eckman married Edvena Johnston, a resident of Frankfort, daughter of Nels A. and Sophia (Peterson) Johnston.

**CLAYBURN JAMES CULVER**, well known merchant of Ellery, Chautauqua county, N. Y., and one of the youngest business men in the county, is a member of a family well known in the life of the community, and a son of James and Grace (Hayes) Culver, the former for many years engaged in business at Ellery.

Clayburn James Culver was born in Ellery, April 6, 1892, and as a lad attended the public schools of his

native place, gaining there an excellent general education. He also attended the Jamestown High School and Jamestown Business College. When a mere youth he began to show the sense of practical affairs that has since characterized his career, and it was shortly after completing his studies that he entered the business world by the opening of a mercantile establishment at Ellery. From the outset his venture prospered, and he is now the proprietor of a very successful general store, which enjoys a large patronage in the surrounding communities. He has made it his policy since beginning his business to exhibit the strictest integrity in all his dealings and to provide his patrons with the best possible service and the highest grade of goods on the market. His reputation has grown constantly in consequence, and he now enjoys the complete trust and confidence of the community-at-large. In politics, he is a Democrat, and in 1918-1919 he was town clerk in Ellery. He is a notary public, and he has the confidence of his townspeople in the arrangements of many important legal matters requiring a seal. During the World War he served on all the committees for the Liberty Loans, Red Cross and United War Work Service. He is also prominent in social and fraternal circles at Ellery, and is a member of Sylvan Lodge, No. 303, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and Bemus Point Lodge, No. 585, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In his religious belief Mr. Culver is a Baptist, and he and the members of his family attend the Ellery church of that denomination.

Clayburn James Culver was united in marriage, April 28, 1914, at Mayville, N. Y., with Doris M. Benson, a native of Jamestown, N. Y., born Aug. 27, 1894, a daughter of Junius H. and Mary A. (O'Brian) Benson, the former a town clerk of Ellery for twelve years. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Culver, as follows: Dorothy Grace, born May 23, 1916, and Catherine Lucille, born May 4, 1918. Mrs. Culver is prominent in local affairs in Ellery and is serving as town clerk, being elected to this position and taking office Jan. 1, 1920. Previous to this she was deputy town clerk for several years. She is a member of Sunset Rebekah Lodge at Bemus Point, and Mecca Chapter of the Eastern Star at Jamestown.

**JAMES HUNT PRENDERGAST**—There is no name so prominently connected with the city of Jamestown, Chautauqua county, N. Y., as that of Prendergast, for it was from James Prendergast, the founder alike of this flourishing community and of the well known family in the region, that it derives its appellation.

(I) The immigrant ancestor of the Prendergasts in America was William Prendergast, a native of Ireland, born in the town of Waterford, Feb. 2, 1737, and who came to this country as a young man and, after many wanderings in New York State and other parts of the colonies, eventually settled in the town of Chautauqua, where his death occurred, Feb. 14, 1811. He was a son of Thomas and Mary Prendergast, highly respected citizens of Waterford, of which place they were lifelong residents, and displayed in his own person the strong and hardy virtues so characteristic of the race from which he came. Upon coming to America, William Prendergast settled at Pawling, Dutchess county, N. Y., where he was engaged in the occupation of farming for

many years. He continued to reside at Pawling until he had attained an advanced age, when he determined once more to renew his travels and seek a new home in the great western wilderness, then so little known to any but the most hardy pioneers. The courage and hardihood of this old gentleman, then considerably past the span of three score years and ten allotted to human life, in thus venturing forth into the inhospitable wilds, was remarkable enough, but even more so is the fact that he not only successfully accomplished his quest but took with him his entire family, save a few members, and himself led the expedition in its wanderings which extended through a number of weary years. The party consisted, besides its extraordinary leader, of his four sons, five daughters, several sons-in-law, numerous grandchildren, and a slave, Tom, and their intended destination was the State of Tennessee. There were twenty-nine persons in all and they traveled in canvas wagons, some of which required four horses to draw them. Through New York and Pennsylvania they made their slow and difficult way until they arrived at Wheeling, W. Va., where they embarked upon flat bottomed boats on the Ohio river and followed that stream to Louisville. Here they landed and proceeded once more through the forest to a point near Nashville, where it was their intention to locate. What befell them there gives point to the amazing courage and strength of mind of the entire party, but especially of their leader. Weary with long travel, hoping confidently for rest at this, their intended destination, they nevertheless found conditions so bad that a permanent settlement was not to be thought of. Instead of weakly despairing and submitting to fate, these true pioneers did not even make a temporary residence, but once more embarked upon their wanderings, turning their faces to the North again, but this time towards the unsettled regions lying about the eastern end of the Great Lakes. Through Kentucky, Ohio, and Pennsylvania they went, until late in the autumn of 1805 they reached the little settlement of Erie. Here the women and younger members of the family were placed for the winter, while William Prendergast and his sons went on to Canada, still seeking for a satisfactory site for a home. The winter of 1805-06 was spent in that country, but the following spring they returned to the United States and eventually settled in the township of Chautauqua, Chautauqua county, N. Y., where William Prendergast and his sons purchased land on the shores of Lake Chautauqua in the vicinity of Mayville and the famous Chautauqua Assembly grounds. The holdings of the various members of the family amounted in all to about 3,500 acres, and the family became established there as one of the most prominent and wealthy in the district.

William Prendergast married Mehitable Wing, born March 20, 1738, died Sept. 4, 1812, daughter of Jedediah and Elizabeth Wing, of Beekman, N. Y., and they were the parents of the following children: Matthew, mentioned below; Thomas, born Sept. 15, 1758, died June 3, 1842; Mary, married William Bemus, of Ellery, Chautauqua county, N. Y.; Elizabeth, died unmarried, Aug. 20, 1824; James, mentioned below; Dr. Jedediah, born May 13, 1766; married Penelope Chase; Martin, born April 22, 1769, married Martha Hunt; John Jeffrey; Susanna, married Oliver Whiteside; Eleanor,





James H. Aubrey, esq.



died aged thirteen years; Martha, died unmarried, Dec. 9, 1849, aged seventy-four years; William, a major in the War of 1812; Minerva, married Elisha Marvin.

(II) The founding of the city of Jamestown was the result of a chance expedition of James Prendergast, one of the sons of William Prendergast, and it was from his given name that that of Jamestown was taken. Shortly after the family had settled on the shores of Lake Chautauqua, a number of their horses wandered away into the forest and could not be found. It was a great loss to the pioneers, and James was directed by his father to seek them. It is difficult to-day to imagine how great a task was involved in this apparently simple order, or the courage required for a young man to venture out alone into the wilderness. The youth, however, never thought of questioning the matter, and was soon on his way after the runaways. He first bent his steps to the South, continuing until he reached an Indian encampment on the outlet of the lake, where he was immensely impressed with the possibilities of the region which was covered with one of the most magnificent growths of pine timber in the country. Fortunately, from long wandering in the wilderness, he had grown familiar with the savages and their ways and quickly won the friendship and trust of the members of this especial village, who not only cast no obstacles in his way, but aided him to find his strayed horses. With the Indians he traveled through the valleys of the Conewango and Kiantone, where the Indians had planted their corn for centuries, and gained some idea of the extent of the splendid pine forests. He was successful in his quest for the horses, but had incidentally found something much more valuable than them, which was to make his fortune later on. Indeed, he realized the possibilities even at that time and conceived the idea of founding a settlement. Some time afterward he secured, in association with his brother, whom he had persuaded to join him, 1,000 acres of land and this became the site of Jamestown, Mr. Prendergast locating there in the early autumn of 1809, in company with an employee, one John Blowers. The War of 1812 followed shortly after with its threat of invasion from Canada, and the early life of the little town was decidedly precarious, but the efforts of James Prendergast, who would not be discouraged, finally won over all the difficulties and the flourishing community was established.

(II) Returning to the direct line of descent to James Hunt Prendergast, we come to Matthew Prendergast, eldest child of William and Mehitable (Wing) Prendergast, who was born Aug. 5, 1756, at the town of Pawling, Dutchess county, N. Y. He did not take part in the wanderings of the family, which eventually located them in Chautauqua county. He remained instead in Eastern New York and resided in Washington county until well advanced in years. He then rejoined his relatives, coming directly to the town of Chautauqua, where his death occurred, Feb. 24, 1838. His coming to Chautauqua took place in 1807, and he was the first supervisor of Chautauqua county after it was fully organized in the year 1811. He was appointed justice of the peace in 1808, serving in that office for many years, and was also associate judge of the county. He died at his pioneer home at Chautauqua at the age

of eighty-three, after a long and useful life. He married (first) in Eastern New York, Abigail Aikin, and (second) Anna Hunt. He and his first wife were the parents of two children, both of whom were born in Washington county and accompanied him to the West: Lillian, who became the wife of Jared Irwin; Dr. William, mentioned below. By his second wife he also had two children, James and Arthur.

(III) Dr. William (2) Prendergast, only son of Judge Matthew and Abigail (Aikin) Prendergast, was born Feb. 28, 1791, at Pawling, Dutchess county, N. Y., and when sixteen years of age came with his father to Chautauqua county, where his death occurred March 11, 1857. He studied medicine as a lad, and when still very young served as a surgeon in the War of 1812-1815. Later he practiced the medical profession at Mayville, N. Y., and was for many years a well known practitioner and highly respected citizen. His uncle, Dr. Jedediah Prendergast, settled at Mayville, in 1811, where he practiced medicine, and Dr. William Prendergast was his successor. Toward the latter end of his life he retired from practice and spent the remainder of his days on his farm in Chautauqua township. He owned at the time of his death about 1,000 acres of farm land. He was a Whig in politics, and a member of the Episcopal church. He married, in 1815, Elizabeth Prendergast, a daughter of Martin Prendergast, and they were the parents of one child, Martin, mentioned below.

(IV) Martin Prendergast, only child of Dr. William (2) and Elizabeth (Prendergast) Prendergast, was born at Mayville, Chautauqua county, N. Y. For many years he was a clerk, but later, inheriting the old homestead, he spent there the remainder of his life in farming. He was well known in his town, and for fifteen years acted as supervisor. He was a Republican in politics, and a man of high character. He married Phoebe Holmes, born March 3, 1823, died Jan. 3, 1899, a daughter of Seth W. Holmes, of Oneida county, N. Y., who emigrated to Erie county, N. Y., and settled near Buffalo. He spent some years in California, where he was a successful speculator, and later came to Mayville, N. Y., where most of his after life was spent. He was prominent in Chautauqua county, and held the post of sheriff thereof prior to 1849. His wife was Sarah (Stone) Holmes. To Martin and Phoebe (Holmes) Prendergast five children were born, as follows: Martha, born Aug. 26, 1842, married, Jan. 20, 1869, William M. Whallon, to whom she bore one child; John H., mentioned below; William, born May 13, 1848, died April 21, 1852; Helen, born June 4, 1850, died unmarried, May 2, 1911; Dr. William, born March 20, 1854, graduated with the degree of M. D. from Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, in 1883, and located at Mayville, where he is the third Dr. Prendergast to practice successfully here.

(V) John H. Prendergast, eldest son of Martin and Phoebe (Holmes) Prendergast, was born in the town of Chautauqua, N. Y., Nov. 5, 1844. He received his education at the Mayville schools, and followed agriculture as a means of livelihood. He owned a farm at Chautauqua, whereon he resided, although he is now retired from active life, and lives at Westfield, N. Y. He is a Republican in politics. He married, Feb. 23, 1876, An-



toinette Hunt, born May 13, 1841, died Sept. 5, 1913, a daughter of James M. and Rhoda Ann (Hewes) Hunt, and they became the parents of one child, James Hunt, mentioned below.

(VI) James Hunt Prendergast, a prominent attorney of Westfield, Chautauqua county, N. Y., and a conspicuous figure in the commercial and industrial life of the region, is the only child of John H. and Antoinette (Hunt) Prendergast, and was born at Chautauqua, N. Y., Jan. 2, 1878. As a lad he attended the Union School at Mayville and proved himself an apt and intelligent pupil, graduating therefrom in June, 1896, with honors. The following autumn he entered the Hawley Preparatory School at Buffalo, from which he was graduated two years later, after being prepared for college. He had become interested in the profession of law and decided to make it his career in life, with which intention he matriculated at the Law School of Cornell University. Here he continued his fine record as a student and was graduated with the degree of LL. B. in 1902. In June, 1902, he was admitted to the bar, and about a month later came to Westfield, where he has ever since practiced. At Westfield he formed a partnership with Gerald G. Gibbs, of Sherman, N. Y., and continued to practice law with him until 1904, when the partnership was dissolved. For a time thereafter he practiced by himself and then formed an association with James Robinson Douglas, engaging in law and general insurance business. This he continued for a short time, and later he practiced his profession alone. Besides his large law practice, he has other large interests. In November, 1912, Mr. Prendergast, with others, bought the charter of the Buffalo Coöperative Live Stock Insurance Company and changed its name to the Chautauqua County Coöperative Live Stock Insurance Company, being elected president, and Edward N. Skinner, secretary and treasurer. The board of directors of this prosperous concern include Messrs. Prendergast, Skinner, and W. T. Nicol, of Westfield; Perry A. Wolf, of Ripley; and E. J. Bailey, of Brocton. Mr. Prendergast has engaged largely in industrial enterprises, and is connected with a number of important concerns of this character in this county. In association with Henry A. Monroe, he manufactures on a very large scale cement bricks, blocks and tiles. They invented a brick making machine which is one of the best on the market. With John H. Kolpien, he formed the Westfield Manufacturing Company, and is now engaged successfully in manufacturing road grading machines. His enterprises to-day form an important factor in the business life of the community, and Mr. Prendergast is justly regarded as one of Westfield's most substantial citizens. Among other connections he was one of the directors of the State Bank of Mayville. Mr. Prendergast has always been a staunch supporter of the principles of the Republican party. He has held a number of offices in the community, and since 1904 has been a member of the town board. In 1905, he was elected justice of the peace and has continued to hold that office up to the present time. He was a member of the County Committee from 1910 to 1918, secretary from 1913 to 1915, and its chairman from 1915 to 1917. He is a prominent member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and a past exalted ruler of Dun-

kirk Lodge, No. 922. In addition to his business interests, Mr. Prendergast is the owner of several valuable farms in the vicinity, including the old homestead at Chautauqua, consisting of 125 acres and a fine fruit farm at Westfield.

James Hunt Prendergast was united in marriage, June 17, 1908, at Westfield, with Clara S. Fay, a native of this place, a daughter of John R. and Emma J. (Neill) Fay, old and highly respected residents here. To Mr. and Mrs. Prendergast one child was born, James John, May 22, 1912.

**ARTHUR BOORMAN OTTAWAY**—Eminent in his profession, sterling in his citizenship, and upright in character, Arthur B. Ottaway, of Westfield, and judge of Chautauqua county, is perhaps the county's best known son. Since 1879 he has been associated with the courts of the county as practitioner, district attorney, and judge, and whenever a candidate for the suffrages of the citizens of the county he has never been denied. Judge Ottaway is a son of John E. and Sarah (Boorman) Ottaway, and a grandson of James and Arabella Ottaway.

For generations the Ottaway family lived in Kent county, England. Prior to 1823, James Ottaway had operated a mill at Headcorn, England, but being desirous of bettering his condition, he joined the tide of emigration to America in 1823, six weeks being consumed in the voyage across the Atlantic. At New York he boarded a sloop for Newburgh, N. Y., where he purchased a team and wagon and journeyed with his wife and children across the State of New York, finally reaching Buffalo, then a village of a few hundred inhabitants. Here he left his family and sought for land about Buffalo and along the Canadian frontier. Failing to find what he desired, he journeyed to Chautauqua county over the Buffalo & Erie Road to Westfield, from Westfield to Mayville, and from Mayville over the Waterford road to Mina. In a trackless forest he found nettles growing. Farmers visiting his mill in England had told him that this was an indication of a fertile soil and here he resolved to locate. He purchased a portion of lot 13, built a log cabin and commenced life in the wilderness. Like all other portions of the town his tract was heavily timbered, and his home was literally hewed from the forest. His was the first deed of lands in the eastern part of the town of Mina. He was the first of many Englishmen that came into that section, and his house was the rendezvous of those that followed. His latch string was always out, and many of his countrymen partook of his hospitality until log houses could be erected upon chosen sites.

John E. Ottaway, father of Arthur B. Ottaway, was born at the Ottaway homestead in the town of Mina, Chautauqua county, N. Y., June 20, 1827, died in March, 1917, at the homestead. His youth was spent upon the farm; his education obtained in the district school. He was his father's assistant, and later succeeded him in the ownership of the homestead farm, which was always his home. He held many positions of trust in the county and town, and during his lifetime was executor of many estates and the guardian of minor children as well as of their property. He early allied himself with the Republican party, and in 1873-74-75





*Arthur B. Ottaway*







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and 1883 represented Mina on the County Board of Supervisors. He contributed liberally to worthy causes and always took a deep interest in community welfare. He was a prosperous farmer, and enjoyed to the full the advantages the possession of means enabled him to indulge in and to confer upon his children. He was for many years a director of the State Bank of Sherman, and regarded as a strong, clear-visioned, business man.

John E. Ottoway married, Oct. 17, 1849, Sarah Boorman, daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (Hosnier) Boorman, early among the English settlers of the town of Sherman, their settlement in the western part of the town dating from 1825. Mr. and Mrs. Ottoway were the parents of five children: Osmer J., Arthur B., of further mention; G. Fred, Susan A., and Cora E. Mr. and Mrs. Ottoway celebrated the golden anniversary of their wedding day at the home farm in Mina, Oct. 17, 1899, and in honor of the occasion led a Virginia reel, the dancers all being over seventy years of age. Mrs. Ottoway died in 1907.

Arthur Boorman Ottoway, second son of John E. and Sarah (Boorman) Ottoway, was born at the homestead in the town of Mina, Chautauqua county, N. Y., May 8, 1854. He began his education in the district public schools, later attending Sherman Academy and Westfield Academy, entering the last named institution in 1873 and graduating with the class of 1875. After graduation he taught school for several terms, then entered the office of William Russell, of Westfield, as a law student. He was admitted to the bar in 1879 and began practice in Westfield as a member of the firm, Russell, Dickerman & Ottoway. After the dissolution of that firm, Mr. Ottoway practiced alone until 1896, when he became senior of the law firm, Ottoway & Munson.

In 1883, Mr. Ottoway was the successful nominee of the Republican party for the office of district attorney, an office he filled for three years. In 1887, he returned to the private practice of his profession and built up a large and lucrative practice. For years he was the attorney for the Chautauqua County Board of Supervisors and was retained privately in much important litigation in Chautauqua courts. He was a member of the law association of the district, and stood high in the estimation of his associates of the bar. On Jan. 3, 1906, Governor Higgins appointed Mr. Ottoway county judge to fill a vacancy. At the ensuing November election he was chosen by the voters for a full term, and when that expired in 1912 he was chosen for a second term and again in 1918 for the third time. This evidence of confidence and esteem proves the worth of his service to the county as a learned, just and upright judge.

Judge Ottoway married, Oct. 2, 1912, Mrs. Myrtle (Redfield) Nixon, daughter of George Redfield, and widow of S. Fred Nixon.

**HON. CHARLES M. HAMILTON**—Important business and distinguished public service records belong to Charles M. Hamilton, of Ripley, N. Y., who has represented his district successively in the State Assembly, the State Senate, and the National House of Representatives. He filled a seat in the Sixty-third, Sixty-fourth and Sixty-fifth congresses, his public service and

devotion to the general welfare the public-spirited and patriotic gift of a man for whom the rewards of office have no attraction and whose sole object is the performance of his duty and the benefit of his fellows. Mr. Hamilton is a native of Chautauqua county, N. Y., and from young manhood has had a prominent part in business and civic activities in that district.

The Hamiltons were a Vermont family, settling in Chittenden county, where Lucius G. Hamilton was born, April 15, 1826. He later moved to the town of Ripley, Chautauqua county, N. Y., where he died March 16, 1874. He was a man of high character, unselfish in service, and progressive, always interested in the welfare of his community. He was a Republican in politics, a justice of the peace for several years, and during the years 1870 and 1871 represented Ripley on the County Board of Supervisors. He married, at Ripley, Dec. 6, 1870, Lydia A. Mann, and they were the parents of an only child, Charles M. Hamilton.

Jeremiah Mann, father of Lydia A. (Mann) Hamilton, was born in Milton, Saratoga county, N. Y., Sept. 11, 1768. He spent the first twenty-five years of his life in Eastern New York, locating in Ripley, Chautauqua county, in 1825. He also purchased a farm at Northeast, Pa., to which he moved in 1826. In 1837 he moved to the town of Ripley, Chautauqua county, N. Y., residing in the village of Quincy until his death. In 1844 he was elected a member of the New York Legislature, and to a high degree enjoyed public confidence. He was one of the first directors of the Buffalo & Erie Railroad, and a friend of all public improvement. He married Anna Brockway, daughter of Burban Brockway, of Ripley, and they were the parents of three daughters: Augusta, married William Hunt, of Ripley, who died Dec. 1, 1869; Caroline, died March 12, 1875, wife of William Bell, Jr., of Erie, Pa.; Lydia A., married Lucius G. Hamilton, who died in Ripley, March 16, 1874, and they were the parents of Charles M. Hamilton, of this review.

Burban Brockway, father of Mrs. Jeremiah Mann, was born at Lyme, Conn., March 1, 1767, his father and elder brothers serving in the Revolutionary army. He married, at the age of twenty-three years, Lois Anna Bostwick, and located his home at Catskill, N. Y., where he followed the water as a means of livelihood, shipping on coastwise and river vessels. In 1797 he moved to Seneca, Ontario county, N. Y., and there began clearing a farm from the forest. In 1809 he joined the Protestant Episcopal church in Geneva, and in 1814 moved with his family to Chautauqua county, settling one mile east of Quincy in what is now the town of Ripley, then Portland. He was an early postmaster of Ripley, senior warden of St. Paul's Church, Mayville, and later warden of St. Peter's Episcopal Church at Westfield. He was a magistrate of the town under appointment of Governor Clinton. He died at his home near Quincy, Sept. 2, 1861, having resided there from 1814. His wife, born in Connecticut, Jan. 9, 1772, died Nov. 26, 1859. They were married May 27, 1790, and were the parents of nine children.

Charles M. Hamilton was born in the town of Ripley, Jan. 23, 1874, the son of Lucius G. and Lydia A. (Mann) Hamilton. His grammar school and high school education he obtained in his native place, and

after graduation from Ripley High School he entered the Fredonia Normal School, and later the Pennsylvania Military College, at Chester, Pa. He owns farmland in the Ripley district of Chautauqua county, and oil and natural gas were found underlying his property. These resources have been developed by the Willowbrook Natural Gas Company, of which Mr. Hamilton is the sole owner, and the company furnishes light to the town of Ripley as well as illumination and power to the residents along its pipe line. Another of Mr. Hamilton's leading connections in this field of industry is as treasurer and manager of the New York State Oil Company, a corporation owning producing properties in Kansas and Oklahoma. He is financially interested in numerous other enterprises, local and otherwise, among them the Ripley Telephone Company, of which he is vice-president.

Mr. Hamilton's public service began in 1906, when he was elected to represent his district in the State Legislature, and an unusual aptitude for legislative affairs brought him reelection in the following year. His work in the Assembly organization during these two sessions included membership on the committees on railroads, public health, commerce and navigation, and military affairs, of which last named committee he was chairman, and in committee room and on the floor he strove diligently to advance the general good. In the following year, 1908, he was elected to the Upper House of the State Legislature from the Fifty-first district, which includes Chautauqua and Cattaraugus counties. During that term he was chairman of the Senate committee on forest, fish and game, and was also a member of the committees on railroads, internal affairs, military affairs, and Indian affairs. In 1910 he was reelected to the State Senate, in that term serving on the committees on railroads, forest, fish, game, and commerce and navigation, and during that term being appointed by the lieutenant-governor to represent the Senate on the New York State Factory Commission.

Mr. Hamilton's able discharge of his duties in both houses of the State Legislature was the platform upon which he was elected to the Sixty-third Congress of the United States, representing the Forty-third district of New York. In 1914 and 1916 he was reelected to Congress, his second term witnessing the opening months of the World War, his third the entrance of the United States into that conflict. In all of the weighty matters that came under the consideration of those congresses his influence and his vote are found on the side of patriotism and right, and he worked tirelessly and effectively throughout what are destined to be historic times. His committees were territories, postoffice, and Indian affairs. In 1916 he was a delegate to the Republican National Convention that nominated Justice Charles E. Hughes for the presidency, and in the convention served as a member of the committee on credentials.

In Ripley and Chautauqua county, his home, Mr. Hamilton's connections are many, formed in all relations of life that call men together, social, religious, civic and fraternal. He is a member of the Masonic order and has been active locally in its work, and his friends throughout the district are legion. Neighborly, earnest and sincere, he has served his fellows faithfully and well, sacrificing time and personal interest in the

serving, gaining in the esteem and appreciation of his constituency.

Mr. Hamilton married, in 1904, Bertha C. Lamberton, of Franklin, Pa.

**HUGH WILLIAM THOMPSON**—Practically every person in Chautauqua county, N. Y., is familiar with the well known "Westfield Republican," but everyone is not aware of the fact that it was the first Republican newspaper in the United States. The present owner, Hugh William Thompson, bought it May 15, 1889, from Alfred E. Rose. Since its inception there have been but four editors, the first being Martin C. Rice, a remarkable man, who is ninety-five years old. He is now a resident of Lawrence, Kan., and is widely known there as a grand old gentleman of the old school, possessed at his age of an unusual faculty and well preserved. The second owner of the "Republican" was F. A. Hall, of Westfield; the third owner was Alfred E. Rose, of Lowell, Mass.; the present owner, Hugh William Thompson.

The "Westfield Republican" is issued once a week, the circulation is sixteen hundred, and it is one of the most popular sheets in that section of the State. Current topics are, of course, the leading subjects in the paper, but social notes and local affairs are eagerly looked for in each issue by the interested public. As an advertising medium it enjoys a degree of popularity not held by any other weekly in the county. Job printing of every description is a particular feature of the "Republican" office, and all machinery used is of modern kind, the owner being a progressive man who believes in keeping abreast of the times.

Hugh William Thompson was born in Westfield, N. Y., Oct. 2, 1858, the son of Hugh William and Elizabeth (McDowell) Thompson. The former was an Irishman, born in County Down, coming to the United States in 1851. By trade he was a carpenter and contractor, in business with his brother, John Thompson. He and his wife were married in Westfield and to them were born the following children: Jane, Hugh William, of whom further; John F., and Eliza.

In his boyhood, Hugh William Thompson, Jr., attended the graded schools of his native town, after which he entered the office of the Mayville "Sentinel," a weekly newspaper, and began to learn the trade of a printer. He remained there three years, leaving it to take a position on the staff of a paper at Silver Creek. This was once owned by Charles E. Brown, who afterward sold it to George E. Bailey, Hugh W. Thompson leaving the office after being there three years and a half. For a short time he was engaged in various pursuits until he finally bought the "Westfield Republican" and has been its publisher ever since. Mr. Thompson is a member of Summit Lodge, No. 219, Free and Accepted Masons; was a member of the Royal Arcanum and Knights of Pythias. In the matter of politics, Mr. Thompson is a Republican, as befits the owner of the leading organ of that party in the vicinity. He is much interested in the political affairs of his town, and in 1901 was elected town clerk, an office which he has been reelected to every term since. In religion he is a



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Herbert F. Thompson









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Presbyterian, having been an elder in the Westfield church for some years, and is now a deacon of it.

In Westfield, Nov. 8, 1894, Hugh William Thompson was married to Adele H. Hall, and they had one child, Herbert F., born Jan. 9, 1896. Mrs. Adele H. (Hall) Thompson died in Westfield, Jan. 15, 1896.

Herbert F. Thompson was educated in the grammar and high schools of Westfield, Mt. Hermon School of Massachusetts, and Hamilton College. During the World War he enlisted, Aug. 3, 1917, at Erie, Pa., in the Medical Corps of the army; then was transferred to Fort Slocum, N. Y., remaining there only a week when he was again transferred, going first to Fort Oglethorpe, and a little later to Camp Gordon, both in Georgia. After a short stay at this camp he was sent to the embarkation station at Camp Upton, L. I. On May 5, 1918, young Thompson and his companions in arms arrived at Liverpool, England, and the following day were sent to France, via Southampton. After arriving there they saw active service from start to finish, being engaged in the Somme offensive, his unit being an infantry outfit. In the Argonne forest battles his division, the 82nd, was in continual action from Oct. 5 to Nov. 2, 1918, and before that they had taken part in the St. Mihiel offensive from Sept. 12 to Sept. 16. Mr. Thompson's regiment was for some time stationed at the Toule sector, at Maubeuge, and at the battle of the Meuse. After the signing of the armistice they were ordered to return to the United States, arriving here May 9, 1919, and going at once to Camp Dix, N. J., from which station he was honorably discharged, May 13, 1919, his rank at the close of the war being that of sergeant. Since returning from the army, he has been associated with his father on the "Westfield Republican," and is active in the management of the paper. During the war, when the young men of Westfield were "Over There," Mr. Thompson, Sr., kept them supplied with free copies of the "Republican," which helped the boys "Over There" to feel somewhat that they were "Over Here."

**CHARLES C. HAAS**—Among the most successful builders and business men of Jamestown, Chautauqua county, N. Y., should be mentioned Charles C. Haas, general contractor, with offices, warehouses and yards at the corner of Tenth and Monroe streets. Mr. Haas is a native of Warren, Pa., born Jan. 16, 1875, son of Peter and Elizabeth (Dick) Haas, both now deceased, the former having been a mason contractor at Warren and Jamestown for many years.

The family removed to Jamestown, N. Y., when Charles C. Haas was but three years of age, and he received his education in Jamestown grammar and high schools. He became employed in a local shoe factory, and when sixteen years of age began to learn the trade of mason. Upon completing his apprenticeship, he followed his trade as a workman for about twelve years. In 1903, when twenty-eight years of age, he established himself in the contracting business on his own account. From the outset Mr. Haas met with notable success, and since that time has done some of the largest construction work in this part of New York State and in Northern Pennsylvania. His enterprise at this time is one of the largest of its kind in the

entire region, and has been developed entirely through his own energies and intelligence. In the year 1903 he started with about ten employees, and some idea may be gained of the growth of his business when it is stated that at the present time he often employs as many as two hundred men. Among the largest buildings erected by him in Chautauqua county should be mentioned the Young Women's Christian Association building, the Chautauqua School of Nursing, the East Side School, the Euclid Avenue schools, the Fairmont Avenue School, the New Wellman building, the Furniture Exchange building, the largest structure in Jamestown; the Pilgrim Memorial Church, the Bank of Jamestown, the Barrett building, the large warehouses of the D. H. Grandin Milling Company, the Eagle Temple, and many handsome residences, including the summer home of W. D. Packard, at Chautauqua, associated with the great Packard Motor Car Company. Still other construction done by him is the West Side Fire Station, additions to the Acme Woolen Mills, the building of the Automatic Registering Machine Corporation, additions to the Chautauqua Worsted Mills and the Ferncliffe Worsted Mills, the Webber & Knapp factory, the Jamestown Boiler Works, the Jamestown Bottling Works, additions to the Sherman Street Grammar School, the Straus block, the High School heating plant, the Warner dam, a State job; Jamestown Malleable Products Corporation building, and many other buildings, including storerooms, etc., large and small, and the handsome residences of S. M. Merriman, Charles C. Wilson, and P. F. Simon. At Warren, Pa., he erected the Swedish Lutheran church, the residences of William Knapp, James Clark and others, and remodelled the Library Theatre building. At Olean, N. Y., he erected the Higgins Memorial Hospital, and at Ridgway, Pa., the Young Men's Christian Association building. Mr. Haas, through his long and diligent service to the building trade, has earned a reputation which places him in the front rank of the builders of New York State. His construction work on institutional, commercial and private buildings truly makes him the dean of the building trade in Chautauqua county.

Mr. Haas is affiliated with a number of prominent organizations in this region, including various Masonic bodies; the Elks; the Eagles; Knights of Pythias; the Jamestown Board of Commerce; the Builders' Exchange, of which he is vice-president; the Rotary Club; the Sportsmen's Club, of which he is treasurer; the United Spanish War Veterans, having served throughout the Spanish-American War with Company E, 65th Regiment, New York Volunteers; the Buffalo Builders' Exchange; the National Contractors' Association; Jamestown Manufacturers' and Employers' Association, and the Young Men's Christian Association. In religious belief, Mr. Haas is an Episcopalian and attends St. Luke's Episcopal Church. He is a Republican in politics, but has not sought public office.

Charles C. Haas was united in marriage, June 29, 1903, in Jamestown, with Huldah G. Swanson, a daughter of John P. and Anna S. Swanson, of Jamestown. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Haas, as follows: Iris Geneva, born March 18, 1904; Ruth Marion, born March 18, 1908; Alice Marion, born June 9, 1915; Elizabeth, Virginia and Charles C., Jr., died in infancy.

**EDWARD D. REAGAN**—Among the financiers of Chautauqua county, N. Y., Mr. Reagan is a figure of prominence, filling the positions of vice-president of the State Bank of Mayville and the First National Bank of Ripley, and cashier of the National Bank of Westfield, and it can be truly said that he is one of the leaders of the banking fraternity of Chautauqua county.

Edward D. Reagan was born Aug. 25, 1876, at French Creek, N. Y., son of John and Julia Agnes (Grady) Reagan. John Reagan was a well known agriculturist in the town of French Creek for many years until his death, Nov. 22, 1904, and his widow still retains her residence there. Edward D. Reagan attended the district schools of French Creek, afterwards entering the Westfield High School and graduating in 1895. He then obtained a position as clerk in the National Bank of Westfield, later becoming assistant cashier, and served for eighteen years with this institution. He was elected, Jan. 1, 1913, to the position of cashier of the State Bank of Mayville, which position he resigned, Feb. 1, 1920, to accept the cashiership of the National Bank of Westfield, at which time he was elected vice-president of the State Bank of Mayville, and on Feb. 28, 1920, he was elected vice-president of the First National Bank of Ripley. Mr. Reagan is a director of the National Bank of Westfield, First National Bank of Ripley, and the State Bank of Mayville. He is a member of the Westfield Chamber of Commerce, having been its treasurer since its organization. His political connections are with the Democratic party, but he has never sought public office. He is a member of St. James' Roman Catholic Church of Westfield. He is a member of the Royal Arcanum, having served the order as collector for twelve years, the Knights of Columbus, and the Ancient Order of Hibernians, of which he is a past president. He has achieved, in more than one direction, substantial and honorable success, having started in a modest way and arising to prominence in his field of endeavor, being a fine type of the self-made man. Mr. Reagan is identified with the social life of Westfield, and is a golf enthusiast. He spends much of his leisure time at his beautiful home on South Portage street, Westfield, which is surrounded by well appointed grounds.

Mr. Reagan married Frances Catherine Balizet, daughter of Eugene Charles and Mary (Masson) Balizet, of Meadville, Pa., the ceremony being performed Feb. 6, 1918.

**JOSEPH ALBERT MCGINNIES** was born in the North of Ireland, Nov. 7, 1861. He came to America with his mother in 1864, joining the husband and father, William McGinnies, at Ripley. The parents, William and Elizabeth (Lighthouse) McGinnies, made Ripley their home until death claimed them many years later. Joseph A. McGinnies has always remained loyal to his adopted town, Ripley, and well he may be for it has always been loyal to him. It was here he was educated in the local schools, it was here that he grew to manhood, where he entered business, where he was married, where he took an interest in politics, and where he has grown into one of the substantial citizens of the town and county.

While still in boyhood he entered the drug store of

Dr. Simon in the village of Ripley, became a pharmacist, and eventually purchased the store in which he had gained his business and professional experience. With a clear insight into business and politics, he soon became a recognized leader in the business and political life of the community. While still on the sunny side of thirty, he was nominated by the Democratic party of his district for the office of member of Assembly, and although the district was overwhelmingly Republican, he gave his adversary a close run for the office. Later he became a convert to the principles and policies of the Republican party, and for twenty-five years has been identified with this great political organization, never swerving in his allegiance to the party and its candidates.

He was first elected a member of the Chautauqua County Board of Supervisors in 1896 as a Democrat, and continued year after year as the representative of his town as a member of the Democratic party until 1905, when he became convinced that the Republican party came nearer meeting his ideals of government than any other, and he promptly announced his allegiance to that party. The people of his town had elected him supervisor regardless of his political faith, because they had confidence in his ability and fidelity, and in his desire to serve its interests, and his change in partisanship made no difference with those who knew him best, and he was elected the next year on the Republican ticket. And when the Board of Supervisors convened in 1906, he was elected clerk of that body, a position he has held down to the present time. His familiarity with the duties and obligations of the board, and its relations to the towns of the county and the State, gave him the position of leader of the board, whose advice was asked and accepted by Republicans and Democrats alike.

In addition to his duties as a druggist, and his interest in politics, he acquired an interest in agriculture and became a grape-growing farmer. In addition to looking after his own small farm, he was made administrator at one time and another of estates in the grape belt and managed them as successfully as he did his own business. As a grape grower he became vitally interested in the marketing of his product, was instrumental in the organization of the Chautauqua & Erie Grape Growers' association, was for some years a director in this organization, and for several years has been the secretary-treasurer and manager of the association, having direct charge of marketing millions of dollars' worth of grapes each year, to the great advantage of the grape farmers of the region.

He was elected member of Assembly from the Second Chautauqua District in 1915, as the candidate of the Republican party, and immediately took a place of influence in the Assembly at Albany. He has held that position down to the present time, and is now recognized as one of the leaders of that body, a man whose judgment is trusted by his associates and whose knowledge of State affairs is recognized in the Assembly and in the various departments of the State government. He has taken deep interest in the matter of assessment and taxation, and is regarded as one of the best posted men in the Legislature on these important subjects. In the session of the Legislature for 1918 and 1919 he was





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made chairman of the special committee on war preparations; he is also a member of the committee on ways and means and on taxation, and has been a member of several of the most important special committees of the Legislature during the past five years. He was elected chairman of ways and means committee at the session of 1921. He is a member and supporter of the Presbyterian church of Ripley. He is a member of the various Masonic bodies from the Blue Lodge up to the Commandery, having filled the chairs of each order; he has held the important post of deputy master for the Fortieth Masonic District. He is a member of the Odd Fellows, the Encampment, the Maccabees, and the Eagles.

On Jan. 7, 1884, he was united in marriage with Anna Brockway, a member of one of the old and influential families of the town of Ripley. They are the parents of one daughter, Clara Elizabeth, who was educated in the Ripley schools and also at the University of Syracuse, where she was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. She was united in marriage, in 1919, to Park J. Johnson, and they also reside in the town of Ripley.

**LEN ROSS FRANCIS**, postmaster and well known citizen of Ripley, Chautauqua county, N. Y., is a native of the town of Mina, in this county, born Dec. 10, 1874, the son of Elihu and Elnora (Ross) Francis. His father was a contractor and builder at Mina and Ripley for a number of years, and his mother, Elnora (Ross) Francis, was a descendant of one of the earliest of Chautauqua county families, and her father was a well known lawyer in Mina.

Len R. Francis received a good education in the graded and high schools of Ripley, finishing with a course at Clarke's Business College at Erie, Pa. After graduating, he entered the grape basket manufacturing business at Ripley Crossing. He kept the plant in operation for about five years, and conducted his farm on which he cultivated grapes. Later he went into grape growing more extensively, and managed Farrell's vineyard for four years, after which he purchased a good fruit and grape farm, giving his entire time to its management. He has been actively interested in the political affairs of his town, being a member of the Democratic party. From 1912 to 1914, he was highway commissioner of the town, resigning that appointment when he became postmaster of Ripley in 1914. From 1914 to the present, he has held this post, giving the town efficient service. He is a member of the official board of Ripley Methodist Church, member of the local Grange, and his fraternal organizations are the local lodges of the Masons, Odd Fellows, and Eastern Star societies.

Len Ross Francis was married, Dec. 10, 1903, at Ripley, to Ada C. Bentley. They have one child, a son, Ellsworth Ross.

**EDWARD N. TEALL** has been since Jan. 1, 1920, the head of the Press Department of Chautauqua Institution and managing director of the Chautauqua Press. He is a graduate of Princeton University, class of 1902, with the degree of A. B. and A. M.; for fourteen years was a member of the editorial staff of the "New York

Sun;" for two years connected with the Princeton University Press; and before coming to Chautauqua was secretary of the publishing firm of Marshall Jones Company, of Boston. He has for two years written the "Watch Tower" of the "St. Nicholas Magazine." He is author with Edgar O. Achorn of a novel, "The Unknown Quantity," published in September, 1919; and of "Vagrom Verses," published in 1915. During the war he was a member of all the Liberty Loan committees at Princeton, and edited a weekly paper under the title of "Bonds and Bullets." An historical poem by Mr. Teall took one of the prizes in the competition held in connection with the two hundredth anniversary of the founding of Newark, N. J.

Chautauqua Press issues the books and bulletins for the home reading course, publishes the "Chautauquan Daily" and the "Chautauquan Weekly;" has charge of the editorial, secretarial and pedagogical conduct of the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle, and the advertising and publicity work of the Institution in all its branches. As an agency for publicity it publishes and distributes the many Quarterlies, which include the "Summer Program," the "Schools," "C. L. S. C.," etc. The increased number of readers of the "C. L. S. C." of about twenty-five per cent. over the previous year, involved the reprinting of one thousand sets of all the books.

**PERRY ADDISON MASON** is one of Chautauqua county's representative business men, who for more than twenty years has been town clerk of Ripley, and for a longer period has been a leading merchant of that place. In addition he has operated a good sized farm in the vicinity. The fact that he has been reelected regularly to the office of clerk of the township testifies to his stability and his community spirit. He is a native of Ripley, born June 25, 1876, son of Clarence and Florence (Perry) Mason, the former a farmer and latterly a merchant. Clarence Mason died in October, 1897, but his widow still survives.

Perry Addison Mason received his education in the schools of his native place, and for more than three years after leaving school was a clerk in the Ripley National Bank. His father, however, having on Jan. 1, 1897, purchased the merchandizing business in Ripley of a Mr. Burrows, caused him to leave the bank and join his father in business. They took over the store he still conducts, and for twenty-one of the twenty-two years of its operation it has been managed wholly by him, for his father died in October, 1897, as previously mentioned. Perry A. Mason is a man of commendable industry, for in addition to the store business, and the public duties, he has also maintained in successful and skillful cultivation the farm he inherited from his father. The Masons are Presbyterians by religious conviction. Mr. Mason is a Republican in politics, and has taken active part in political affairs in the section of New York State in which he lives, and had he more time to devote to such matters he would probably have taken a more prominent part. He belongs to the Masonic order, Blue Lodge, Royal Arcanum, and Eastern Star. Of the last-named, his wife is also an active member.

On Jan. 12, 1898, Perry Addison Mason was married

to Lillian Platte, of Warren, Pa. Mrs. Mason is prominent in all home activities, and is a member of the Literary Club of Ripley, of which she is president. In her religious views she is an Episcopalian, but attends the Presbyterian church of Ripley. Mr. and Mrs. Mason have two children: Harriett Clair, who now attends the Ripley High School; and Elizabeth Rose, who is in the lower grades.

**FRANCIS BEATTIE BREWER, M. D.**—Brewer is a name of antiquity in England, from whence came the ancestors of Dr. Francis B. Brewer, of Westfield, N. Y., a son of Ebenezer Brewer, grandson of Colonel Ebenezer Brewer, an officer of the Revolution, serving on the staff of General Jonathan Chase, whose daughter Mary he married; great-grandson of Thomas Brewer, a shipbuilder of Boston, Mass., in 1760.

Ebenezer Brewer, father of Dr. Francis B. Brewer, was a soldier of the War of 1812. He married, in 1817, Julia Emerson, of Windsor, Vt., and settled in Keene, N. H., where his son, Francis B., was born, but later moved to Western Pennsylvania. There he became a member of the firm of Brewer, Watson & Company, and engaged extensively in lumbering on Oil creek, a name which later became so familiar in connection with the discovery and production of petroleum.

Dr. Francis Beattie Brewer, son of Ebenezer and Julia (Emerson) Brewer, was born in Keene, N. H., Oct. 8, 1820, and died at his home in Westfield, N. Y., July 29, 1892. He studied in good preparatory schools, entered Dartmouth College, where he was graduated in 1843, going thence to Dartmouth Medical College, whence he was graduated M. D. in 1845. He began practice in Barnet, Vt., but in 1850 moved to Plymouth, Mass., and the same year he visited his father in Western Pennsylvania. He was greatly impressed with the country and its opportunities, so much so that in 1851 he moved to Titusville, Pa., and there practiced his profession for ten years. He also became a member of the firm of Brewer, Watson & Company, and during his entire ten years was engaged with that firm in their lumbering and mercantile operations. The firm owned several thousand acres of timber land on Oil creek and its tributaries. On this land was an oil spring which attracted his interest to such an extent that in the summer of 1854 (long before the discovery of oil) he wrote to business friends in New York describing it as "a peculiar oil, surpassing in value any other oil now in use for burning, for lubricating machinery, and as a medicinal agent. The yield is abundant and the supply inexhaustible."

This letter to Eveleth & Bissell also contained a proposition from Brewer, Watson & Company, looking toward the formation of a company in New York for producing and marketing the oil. Dr. Brewer soon afterward went to New York, taking a quantity of oil which he had pumped from the spring, which was submitted to experts for chemical analysis. There was no difference of opinion as to the quality of the oil, but no one could believe that it could be taken from the ground in quantity. Dr. Brewer, however, did so believe, and his arguments, backed by a large consignment of the oil, at last convinced the New York men, and on Nov. 6,

1854, Eveleth & Bissell wrote Dr. Brewer that the organization of a joint stock company was nearly complete. Dr. Brewer in the meantime was pumping oil from the spring, which was used in the company's lumber mills as an illuminant and a lubricant, and was the founder of the oil business. The first recorded oil lease was made July 4, 1853, between Brewer, Watson & Company and J. D. Augier. Eveleth & Bissell in New York accomplished the formation of the first oil company, the Pennsylvania Rock Oil Company, certificate of incorporation being filed with the recorder of the City of New York in 1854. Dr. Brewer was one of the incorporators and directors of that company, which operated on the lands of Brewer, Watson & Company. Colonel E. L. Drake was sent out from New Haven as a representative of the eastern stockholders of the Pennsylvania Rock Oil Company to sink a well, which he accomplished, but not until Aug. 26, 1859; Dr. Francis B. Brewer was really the pioneer in the oil business, and Brewer, Watson & Company the first to introduce petroleum in large quantities, and to them the birth of a new business must be credited.

On May 1, 1861, Dr. Brewer moved from Titusville to Westfield, N. Y., and did not again resume medical practice. In 1864 he aided in organizing the First National Bank of Westfield, becoming its first president, an office he held for ten years. He continued a director of the bank as long as he lived. The same year, 1864, he joined others in organizing the Townsend Manufacturing Company, of which he became president in 1865, and sole owner in 1870, the name then being changed to the Westfield Lock Works. In 1864 he offered his services to the government as field surgeon, and in April, 1865, was sent to the Army of the Potomac as medical inspector for the State of New York, Governor Fenton making the appointment, which carried with it the rank of major. He continued in the service until honorably discharged at the close of the war.

Dr. Brewer took a very active part in the public life of the village and State, serving for ten years as supervisor, 1868-78, and for three years was chairman of the board. He was also president of the village; delegate to the Republican National Convention at Philadelphia in 1872; representative from the first Chautauqua district to the Legislature in 1873-74, serving on the committee, Ways and Means, both terms; appointed a director of the Union Pacific Railroad on behalf of the government by President Grant in 1874; appointed a manager of the Buffalo State Insane Asylum by Governor Cornell, 1881-82, and by Governor Hill, 1886-87; elected representative to the Forty-eighth Congress of the United States from the Thirty-third New York Congressional District in 1882, serving on the Pensions Committee. In all of these offices he served with honor, and until his health failed never declined any duty or trust imposed upon him, although he never sought political preferment.

Dr. Brewer was a member of Summit Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Westfield. He was a man of kindly heart and ready sympathy, quickly responding to any demand upon his time or purse. He was public-spirited and so uniformly courteous and considerate that he was generally beloved. Upon the day of his





*D. B. Brewer*



*Eben Brewer*



*F. R. Brewer Jr.*



*J. E. Demond*



funeral all business houses of the village closed, and throngs attended the last services.

Dr. Brewer married Susan Hooper Rood, at Haverhill, N. H., July 20, 1848, daughter of Rev. Heman and Frances S. (Moody) Rood. To Dr. and Mrs. Brewer were born the following children: 1. Eben, born May 14, 1849, at Barnet, Vt.; he was a journalist in Erie, Pa.; he was the first United States postal agent in Cuba, where he died in 1898; he married Mrs. Elizabeth Courtwright Lowry, of Erie, Pa. 2. Frances M., born Oct. 16, 1852, in Titusville, Pa.; she married William C. Fitch, a lawyer, of Buffalo, N. Y.; children: Francis B., Roger S., and Frances E. 3. Francis B., born Oct. 16, 1852, in Titusville, Pa.; he was a merchant early in life and later an agriculturist; now retired and living at the homestead of the family in Westfield; married Caroline E. Selden, of Erie, Pa.; children: George S., Francis, and Selden. 4. George E., born July 28, 1861, in Westfield, N. Y.; he is a surgeon in New York City; during the World War he served in the medical corps of the United States army with the rank of colonel; married Effie L. Brown, of Chester, Pa.; children: Leighton, and George E., Jr.

**GEORGE FRANCIS OPDYKE**—The patent of nobility which rested its honors and distinction in the person of the late George Francis Opdyke came from high authority, since it was based on fine character and large and worthy achievement. His measure of temporal success in important fields of enterprise was large, but greater than this was the intrinsic loyalty of principle, the deep human sympathy and tolerance, and the broad intellectuality that designated the man as he was. His career in the world of business was such as to advance the welfare of others as well as himself, and he had a high sense of personal stewardship, though at all times he was significantly free from ostentation. His was the gracious reserve which indicates fine mental and moral fiber, and in usefulness to the community he surpassed many another man who has attained to more of publicity. To those who came within the sphere of his influence, his life was a veritable benefaction, and its angle of usefulness was comprehensive to a degree not superficially apparent. He broadened his intellectual horizon to become a man of culture and mature judgment, and in him was that sincere simplicity that betokens true greatness of character and of ideals.

Mr. Opdyke was a resident of the city of Jamestown, Chautauqua county, N. Y., at the time of his death, which occurred Oct. 1, 1913, and he was a scion of a family whose name became identified with the history of the Empire State in the earliest part of the Colonial era, so that, prefatory to the more specific record of his career and tribute to his memory, it is but consistent that there be entered concise but notably interesting data concerning the history of the Opdyke family in America.

There are two distinct families of Opdyke in the United States, tracing from the earliest period in New Amsterdam, the sturdy little Dutch city that formed the nucleus of our present great national metropolis. One branch of the family is of pure German origin, and its first representative in America was Op der Dych

(as he personally signed his name), who occupied high position in the Dutch West Indies Company and in the early government of New Amsterdam under Dutch occupation. He was of the eighth generation in line of direct descent from Op der Dych, who was born in 1297, and who was magistrate of Wesel, a town on the banks of the Rhine, in the Province of Rhenish Prussia, Germany. Representatives of this family settled in Holland, and there is no doubt of its relationship to the family of which the subject of this memoir was a scion. The latter branch traces descent from Lewis Jansen Opdych, who was a Hollander, and concerning whom little information is now available prior to his appearance in New Netherland in 1653.

Lewis Jansen Opdych was born in Holland within the first two decades of the seventeenth century, and about the middle of that century he purchased land at Gravesend, in what is now Kings county, N. Y. He became the owner of this property in 1655; he resided in Fort Orange, the nucleus of the city of Albany, in 1653-54, and he died on his estate at Gravesend in 1659. He was a man of some financial resources, and early in his residence in America he made his way up the Hudson river to Fort Orange, where he engaged in the fur trade, his residence in what is now the city of Albany being opposite the present postoffice building and on the corner of Broadway and State street. This vigorous pioneer left three sons: Peter, Otto and Johannes, and the last mentioned was next in order of descent to the subject of this review.

Johannes Opdych was born in 1651, and died at Hopewell, N. J., in 1729, he having been a prosperous farmer. After his marriage he removed with his large family, in 1697, to New Jersey, and settled in what is now Lawrenceville, Mercer county. He purchased a tract of thirteen hundred acres of land, including the present site of the village of Pennington, where is established Pennington Seminary, maintained under the auspices of the Methodist Episcopal church. He acquired much real estate, and within his residence of thirty-two years in New Jersey he became one of its most wealthy and influential citizens. His will, bearing date of Feb. 12, 1729, is still preserved in the archives of the New Jersey capitol, at Trenton. His six children were: Foyntje, Engettje, Annetje, Lawrence, Albert and Bartholomew.

Albert Opdych, the second son, was born at Dutch Kills, Queens county, N. Y., about 1685, and died at Maidenhead, N. J., in 1752. He resided at Hopewell, N. J., during the major part of his life, and was the only one of the family to retain the original orthography of the patronymic, all other representatives having adopted in his generation the form of Updike. His sons are the ancestors of all the Opdyckes, Opdykes, Opdyches and Obdykes in the United States. He became a member of the Baptist church. His eight children were: John, Joshua, William, Benjamin, Sarah, Catherine, Frank and Hannah.

Joshua Opdych was born in Hopewell township, Hunterdon county, N. J., in 1713, and died in 1749. Though he was the second son he inherited a double portion of his father's estate, and settled in Amwell, Hunterdon county, in the watershed district of the Delaware and Raritan rivers. He retained the ancient Aryan love of the soil, and purchased warrants for fractional

parts of allotments held by Quaker "proprietors," through which means he became the owner of lands in Hunterdon, Morris and Sussex counties, N. J. He never sold any of his land, and from his land and from his great estate he gave valuable tracts to each of his children who attained maturity. His old homestead at Amwell comprised 500 acres and eventually became known as Kingwood. His first house was a log building, but the substantial stone dwelling which he finally erected as the family domicile is still standing. He was a zealous Baptist and was the leading spirit in founding the church of this denomination at Baptistown, near his home. In 1739 he was a delegate from Kingwood to the Baptist General Convention in the city of Philadelphia. Joshua Opdyke was tall, well proportioned, cheerful and even of temperament, but firm in his convictions and resolute in all things. Two of his sons were valiant soldiers of the Continental Line in the War of the Revolution. In 1738, he married Ann Green, and they had eight children: Richard, Luther, Sarah, Elizabeth, Margaret, Frances, Hannah and Catherine. Richard, the elder son, was a substantial farmer, and served forty years as justice of the peace at Kingwood, besides which he presided eleven years on the bench of the county court. He was a true patriot, a man of much influence in public affairs, and represented his county in the Colonial Congress.

Luther Opdycke, the younger son, was born March 29, 1740, and died in 1838. He held the office of justice of the peace for half a century, and it is a matter of record that within this long period none of his decisions was ever reversed by a court of higher jurisdiction, while during a portion of the time he served as associate judge or surrogate of the Court of Common Pleas. He was the administrator of many estates and was commonly known as "Squire Opdycke." He received a regular commission as ensign, and served as a gallant soldier during the major part of the War of the Revolution, to the tension and vicissitudes of which he fully lived up, as he took part in various battles and endured his share of hardships. In 1770, he erected the "old red house" in which all of his children were born and in which he continued to make his home until his death. He was a man of strong character and great energy, and that he was progressive in his day and generation is indicated by the fact that he became the owner of several farms, and owned and operated two mills and a distillery. He was thrice married, and his wife, whose maiden name was Gertrude Hall, was the mother of his seven children. He was a zealous member of the Baptist church and frequently served as a preacher in the same. Of his children the eldest was George, the ancestor of him to whom this sketch is dedicated.

George Opdycke was born in the old homestead of which mention has just been made, and the date of his nativity was Dec. 6, 1773, his death having occurred on June 15, 1851. Concerning him the following statement has been written:

He was a man of contented disposition, took keen interest in passing events but had no desire to become active in public affairs. He was held in unqualified respect by his neighbors, who said that he "knew more than all the schoolmasters." He stood six feet in height, weighed one hundred and eighty pounds, and was a man of impressive appearance. He inher-

ited the old red house in which he was born, and there he lived a quiet, peaceful life. In 1793 he enrolled in the Hunterdon Militia, and at Kingwood he served as school trustee, assessor, overseer of the poor, and as a member of the grand jury.

At Baptistown, Hunterdon county, N. J., George Opdyke married Mary Stout, and of their ten children George (second of the name), was the third in order of birth, he having been born in the historic old homestead, Dec. 7, 1805.

George (2) Opdyke passed his early life on the farm, and at the age of sixteen years he assumed the dignified position of schoolmaster, in which connection he served as instructor to a number of his former schoolmates, who obeyed him only after he had flogged them into submission. At the age of eighteen years he became clerk in a general store at Baptistown, and he sedulously saved his earnings. When twenty years old he borrowed \$500.00 and in company with one of his chums made his way, by river, canal and Lake Erie, to Cleveland, Ohio, where for a short time he was engaged in the grocery business. He then continued his journey to the city of New Orleans, La., where he formed a partnership with another young man, Fitch Falger, and opened a clothing store, in which they manufactured their own goods. The enterprise proved very successful, and through this means Mr. Opdyke always maintained that he laid the foundation of his fortune, besides which he gained many of the Southern mannerisms of speech and deportment which characterized him through the remainder of his life. In 1832, Mr. Opdyke disposed of his business interests in New Orleans because of yellow fever, and engaged in the clothing trade in New York City, his first establishment having been on Cherry street, when he later removed to Nassau street, near the site of the old Dutch church. He continued his successful business operations as a clothing merchant for several years, and then engaged in the drygoods business, in connection with which he became an importer and made frequent trips to Europe, each foreign sojourn having recorded his visitation to Switzerland and the historic Rhine country of Germany.

When the first railroad was built to Newark, N. J., Mr. Opdyke purchased twenty acres of land on the heights overlooking Newark and New York bays. There he made many improvements in the way of building and general development during the fifteen years that he there maintained his residence. He developed wonderful discrimination, circumspection and judgment as a business man, had a seemingly inexhaustible command of resources and expedients in bending forces and mediums of details to his will, developed splendid executive and administrative talent, and by precept and example he encouraged and aided the young men who came within the sphere of his benignant influence. He found diversion and mental uplift and expansion through his well directed reading and study, which touched and brought familiarity with the best in literature, including history, logic, philosophy and scientific subjects. He became a really scholarly man of high attainments and broad intellectual ken, and was distinctively a man of thought and action, as shown by the fact that men of learning sought his company and found profit in the same. In 1851, he



wrote and published a most valuable work on political economy, and the same found distinctive favor among the most profound students on the subject, even including John Stuart Mill. The work was, however, in advance of the times and thus it did not meet with the general popular reception which was its due. In this volume Mr. Opdyke discussed the theory of wages, the value of land and other questions, and advocated many theories that today are accepted doctrines, among them being that of inconvertible paper money, in connection with which subject he described and recommended the currency system now in vogue in the United States. In the same work he discussed the question of slavery, and gave a logical argument on free trade, as close and strong as any demonstration in Euclid.

In 1854, Mr. Opdyke returned with his family to New York City, where he became president of one of the largest banks and a director in several important insurance companies. He was a member of the New York Chamber of Commerce from 1858 to 1880, and was its president from 1867 to 1875. He was a staunch Democrat, was opposed to the extension of slavery in the climacteric period leading up to the Civil War, and his initial prominence in politics came in 1848, when he was a delegate from New Jersey to the national convention of the Free Soil party, at Buffalo. In this convention he served with Hon. Salmon P. Chase on the committee on resolutions, and to strengthen the party cause in New Jersey, he consented to become its candidate for Congress. In 1856, he supported Gen. John C. Fremont, the Republican candidate for the presidency, and in the same year he was defeated as a candidate for representative of the Murray Hill district in the New York Legislature, though two years later he was elected to the Legislature from this same district, his service in the Legislature embodying a strenuous opposition to the schemes of plunder which a certain contingent was attempting to force through the legislative body. In 1859, he was the Republican candidate for mayor of New York City, but was defeated by his Democratic opponent, Fernando Wood.

In 1860, Mr. Opdyke was a delegate to the Republican National Convention, in the city of Chicago, where he did most effective service in furthering the nomination of Abraham Lincoln for the presidency. David Dudley Field and Mr. Opdyke coöperated with Horace Greeley to defeat the nomination of Seward, and effected the formation of the combination that named Lincoln as the party's candidate. Mr. Opdyke gave \$20,000 to the carrying forward of the Lincoln campaign, and after election President Lincoln tendered him appointment as collector of the port of New York City, a position which he felt constrained to decline. The first public action taken by the New York Chamber of Commerce in support of the government at the inception of the Civil War was the adoption of a resolution that was offered by Mr. Opdyke, April 19, 1861, and he personally contributed liberally of time and money to further the cause of the Union during the dark period of the war.

In 1861, Mr. Opdyke was elected mayor of the City of New York, and his administration continued until the close of the fiscal year of 1863. He was active in the raising of troops and sending them to the front, and it was during his term as mayor that the historic

draft riots occurred in the national metropolis. Mayor Opdyke had protested to Secretary Stanton against removing every regiment of the State Militia from New York City, but in vain. He was advised by friends to leave the city until the excitement, involving personal peril to the mayor, should subside, but he refused to leave his post of duty, and to meet the grave dangers incidental to the draft riots he called to his aid the heads of the police and militia departments, the governor of the State, General Wood, with his few soldiers in the harbor, and the marines in the navy yard. Through such coöperation the mayor was enabled to present a bold front during the three days of terror, the streets of the city having been as silent as though struck by plague save for the time when the mob raged, plundered, burned and murdered. The mayor's factory at Second avenue and Twenty-first street was destroyed by fire through the work of the mob, and his home at No. 79 Fifth avenue was twice attacked, Mrs. Opdyke having escaped through a neighboring house to a carriage, in which George Opdyke awaited her, which was driven through a howling mob and at great peril to the affrighted occupants. Three days after Mayor Opdyke had wired Secretary Stanton for troops, three regiments arrived in the city, and the next day four other regiments appeared on the scene, so that order was restored without further trouble of a serious nature. The mayor labored twenty hours each day during the four days that the riot was in progress, directing and advising the movements of troops after they had arrived on the scene, and in general assumed all responsibility. At the height of the riot, to appease the mob, the Board of Aldermen voted an appropriation of \$2,500,000 for the relief of those who had been drafted. As mayor Mr. Opdyke refused to approve this ordinance on the part of the Council, and declared that the rioters should be conquered, not conciliated.

In 1867-68, Mr. Opdyke was a delegate to the convention that effected a revision of the constitution of the State of New York, and in this connection he found most congenial work. He rendered valuable service, especially in connection with articles pertaining to canals, public schools and government of cities. In 1867, he retired from the drygoods business and, in company with his sons, engaged in the banking business. This firm advanced funds for the building of more than one thousand miles of railroad in different parts of the country. Most of the banks which took such a course became insolvent in the panic of 1873, and a New York morning paper announced the failure of George Opdyke & Sons, this statement having caused a run on the Opdyke bank, which paid \$500,000 in one day and thus weathered the storm. Mr. Opdyke and his sons made large financial sacrifice to sustain the railroads whose bonds had been sold to the public through them, and thus Mr. Opdyke kept his business honor and reputation unscathed, by bringing the railroad bonds back to par and thus avoiding loss to the bondholders. His strength was as the number of his days, and his integrity was an impregnable bulwark, the steadfast honor that denoted the man as a man among men. During the last few years of his life Mr. Opdyke, honored by all who knew him, lived virtually retired, but he continued to make frequent contributions to the press on questions

of public import. His religious faith was in harmony with the tenets of the Unitarian church, but he attended and gave liberal support to the Dutch Reformed church, of which his wife was an earnest member, and of him it has well been said that "he was tolerant of all things by intolerance."

On Sept. 26, 1829, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Opdyke to Elizabeth H. Strycker, and they became the parents of six children. Mr. Opdyke died June 12, 1880, survived by his wife.

George Francis Opdyke, son of George and Elizabeth H. (Strycker) Opdyke, was born at Clinton place, Newark, N. J., March 22, 1840, and as before stated, he was a resident of Jamestown, Chautauqua county, N. Y., at the time of his death. He attended the schools of his native city until he was fourteen years of age, when the family removed to New York City, where he completed his studies. At the age of seventeen years, he became associated with the drygoods business conducted by his father, and in 1869 he became a member of the banking house of George Opdyke & Sons, with which he continued to be associated until 1880. In 1881, he established the banking firm of Opdyke & Company, and he continued as its able and honored executive head until 1885, when he retired from active business. He gained reputation as a banker of broad capacity, due conservatism and great circumspection, so that in the commercial and general business world his name became synonymous of security and inviolable fairness, honor and integrity. He was one of the representative bankers of the great national metropolis, and in his active career had to do with financial and industrial affairs of the broadest scope and importance.

In 1881, Mr. Opdyke removed with his family to the beautiful little city of Plainfield, Union county, N. Y., where he continued his residence until 1909, when, for the purpose of seeking a place that might tend to improve his much impaired health, he removed to Jamestown, N. Y., where he passed the remainder of his life, a gracious, kindly and noble gentleman, a profound student and scholar, and a loyal citizen who commanded the high regard of all who knew him. In harmony with his earnest convictions, he allied himself with the Prohibition party, and he was specially active in the support of its cause. He was a zealous member of the Baptist church, as is also his widow, who was his devoted companion in the exemplifying of the higher ideals of life and who has taken a deep interest in civic affairs and in church and benevolent work, though she has had no predilection for the activities of the general world of society. She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution at Hudson, N. Y.

In New York City, March 1, 1881, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Opdyke to Ida Reed, who was born and reared in that city, and who is a daughter of Almet and Lena (Van Dusen) Reed. Almet Reed was born at Coxsackie, N. Y., April 1, 1810, and died in New York City, in February, 1880. His wife was born Dec. 30, 1812, and died in the year 1894. The Van Dusen family was founded in the United States about the middle of the seventeenth century, and it has been one of special prominence in the history of the Hudson and Mohawk valleys of New York, while representatives of the name were patriot soldiers in the War of the

Revolution. John Van Dusen, of the sixth generation of the family in America, was born at Claverack, N. Y., in 1779, and became one of the successful business men and influential citizens of Columbia county, and who was engaged in business at Johnstown for more than forty years. In 1820 he established the Good Hope Flour Mills, which he operated many years, and he also was an extensive dealer in real estate. He was held in implicit confidence and esteem in the community, served as clerk of Livingston township, 1805-12, and as township supervisor, 1812-20. In 1823, he was a member of the State Legislature, and he was an officer in the State Militia for many years. He was one of the organizers and a director of the National Hudson River Bank, at Hudson, and was a consistent member of the Dutch Reformed church. He died on his farm at Greenport, Columbia county, N. Y., May 26, 1863, and he was the grandfather of Mrs. Opdyke, widow of George F. Opdyke.

George F. and Ida (Reed) Opdyke became the parents of two children, Wilbur Francis, who was born at Plainfield, N. J., in 1881; and Dorothea Van Dusen, who was born at Plainfield, March 31, 1889, her death having occurred April 20, 1910. Concerning Dorothea V. D. Opdyke the following estimate of appreciation has been written:

She was always guided by high ideals, was a gracious and accomplished young woman devoted to her home and her friends and active in church work.

Wilbur Francis Opdyke acquired his early education at Plainfield, N. J., and thereafter attended the Moravian School for Boys at Nazareth, Pa. Later he took special courses, along scientific lines, in the college at Colorado Springs, Col., and the University of Nevada, at Reno. He is now sales manager of the Crescent Tool Company, Jamestown, N. Y., of which corporation he is a stockholder. Dec. 6, 1907, recorded his marriage to Lula E. Cheney, of Jamestown, who is a representative of one of the honored pioneer families of Chautauqua county. Mr. and Mrs. Opdyke have two children, George Francis, who was born at Lyons, Ga., Nov. 21, 1908, and who is of the fourth generation of the Opdyke family to bear the name of George; and Frank Wilbur, who was born at Jamestown, N. Y., Jan. 7, 1911.

**ASA CHENEY**—In judging of the strength and vitality of any community it must always be to the great rural and agricultural population that we turn as a final criterion, knowing that if its character is sturdy and strong the society must be sound at heart. With such an assurance to base our judgment upon, there is certainly everything to give one the liveliest optimism if we turn our attention to the agriculturists of Chautauqua county, N. Y., whose strong, conservative progressiveness displays all that we like best to associate with the idea of Americanism. One of the finest examples of this fine class of men was Asa Cheney, a most successful farmer, who lived in the vicinity of Bemus Point, Chautauqua county, for many years, until his death, Oct. 25, 1906. He was a highly respected and admired figure in the community. He came of a family that is old in the traditions and history of this country.

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in 1635, and settled in Hull, Mass., with his wife, Margaret Cheney, and three sons: John, William, Thomas, of whom further.

(II) Thomas Cheney, youngest son of William and Margaret Cheney, served as a soldier in King Philip's War. He married, Jan. 11, 1655, Jane Atkinson, in Roxbury, Mass., and among their children was William, of whom further.

(III) William (2) Cheney, son of Thomas and Jane (Atkinson) Cheney, was born in Roxbury, Mass., June 30, 1663. He married, in Roxbury, Rebecca Newell, and among their children was Ariel, of whom further.

(IV) Ariel Cheney, son of William (2) and Rebecca (Newell) Cheney, was born in Roxbury, Mass., May 1, 1695. He married, in Pomfret, Conn., May 3, 1720, Maria Waldo, and among their children was Daniel, of whom further.

(V) Daniel Cheney, son of Ariel and Maria (Waldo) Cheney, was born in Connecticut, Dec. 25, 1728. He married, June 23, 1757, Zerviah Paine, and among their children was Jonathan, of whom further. After the Revolutionary War, Daniel Cheney migrated to Pittstown, N. Y., and from there to Chautauqua county early in 1807.

(VI) Jonathan Cheney, son of Daniel and Zerviah (Paine) Cheney, was born in Connecticut, March 10, 1769. He married Amy Cole, and among their children was Calvin, of whom further.

(VII) Calvin Cheney, son of Jonathan and Amy (Cole) Cheney, was born in Pittstown, N. Y., Dec. 29, 1800. He married Lydia Bly, and their children were: Spencer, Asa, of whom further, Abel, twin of Asa, Joshua, and William.

(VIII) Asa Cheney, son of Calvin and Lydia (Bly) Cheney, was born in Ellery, N. Y., Aug. 13, 1826. His childhood was spent in the home of his parents, and he gained his education in the Jamestown Academy. He acquired his first knowledge of farming by assisting his father in the work upon his farm, and after graduating from the Jamestown Academy he began farming on his own account, becoming in time the owner of one of the finest farms on the main road between Bemus Point and Jamestown, one-half mile west of Belleview school house. This he cultivated with a high degree of success, disposing of his products in the local markets, and he became one of the substantial farmers of the community. His success was due entirely to his indefatigable industry, intelligence and knowledge of agricultural methods, and no one deserved more than he the esteem in which he was held by his fellow-citizens. Mr. Cheney gave much of his time to activities of public benefit, and took a prominent part in local affairs, displaying a public-spirited interest in the welfare of the community. He served his fellowmen in a number of official capacities, among these offices being supervisor of the town for seven years. He did much to advance the agricultural interests of Bemus Point and the surrounding region, and was an active member of Union Grange, Jamestown, for many years. He was interested in financial institutions of Jamestown, among them being the National Chautauqua County Bank, Bank of Jamestown, and the Farmers and Mechanics Bank. In his religious belief, he was a Universalist, attending the church of that denomination in Bemus Point, where he

was regarded as one of the prominent members of the congregation, and was a trustee of the church for eighteen years.

Asa Cheney was united in marriage, March 21, 1850, in the town of Ellery, with Catherine Griffith, daughter of John and Tryphena (Bemus) Griffith, both well known and highly regarded residents of Ellery in their time. The Griffith family was among the pioneer families of Chautauqua county, likewise the Bemus family, and it was near the present Cheney homestead that both families settled originally. Bemus Point and Griffith's Point on Lake Chautauqua were the sites of their homes, and these places were named after their founders. Mrs. Catherine (Griffith) Cheney, who still resides at the old Cheney homestead, is one of the remarkable women of the county at the present time. She is in her ninety-fifth year, and is possessed of faculties which are most unusual for her years. She manages much of her business affairs, and in November, 1920, in her ninety-fourth year, voted for Warren G. Harding in the presidential election. She has always been abreast of the times, and in 1880 was the first president of a woman's organization in the promotion of suffrage in Ellery township, and at the last election she saw her hopes fulfilled in National Suffrage for women. She is a member of the Union Grange of Jamestown, and Chautauqua county and New York State bodies of the Patrons of Husbandry. She was a delegate at one time to a State Convention of the Grange. She has always been interested in church, educational and historical matters, and is an ardent member of the Chautauqua Historical Society. Ophelia Griffith, sister of Catherine (Griffith) Cheney, was born in the town of Ellery, March 30, 1837, and died in the house in which she was born, April 13, 1920.

Mr. and Mrs. Cheney were the parents of the following children: 1. Frank W., born Feb. 26, 1852; married Delia Palmer; children: Rolin K., Frank W., Jr., and Lula. 2. Mark H., born July 22, 1853; died Sept. 18, 1907; married (first) Mary Bennett; child, Alice; married (second) Frances Ingerson; children: Minnie K. and Ralph E. 3. W. Beecher, born Aug. 6, 1854; unmarried. 4. Miles E., born Oct. 11, 1855, died Sept. 27, 1890; married Harriett Foster; no issue. 5. Morris P., born March 14, 1858; married Anna Weaver; children: Gerald G., Ruth L., and Hazel E. 6. Martha, born May 3, 1860, died Dec. 19, 1916; unmarried. 7. Jennie, born March 31, 1862, died Sept. 30, 1865. 8. Lillie, born July 12, 1863, died May 8, 1864. 9. Alta, born April 12, 1866, died April 3, 1867. 10. Eva K., born Dec. 8, 1868, died July 25, 1915; married Russell D. Rexford; children: Herbert C., Arthur T., and Helen. 11. John C., born Sept. 29, 1871; married Edith Bates; children: Asa B. and M. Agnes.

**ROYAL MARSH BATES**, a prominent attorney of Jamestown, Chautauqua county, N. Y., where he has an office in the Wellman building, is a native of this city, born April 2, 1886. Mr. Bates is a member of an ancient Scottish family, the House of Argyle, and is a descendant of John Althouse Bates, who came from England and settled near Grimsby, Ontario, many years ago.

Charles W. Bates, father of Royal M. Bates, was born in Canada, and was the first member of the family

to locate in the United States, to which country he came as a young man. He was engaged in business at Jamestown, N. Y., for a number of years and was a prominent member of the community. Before coming to this country he was associated with military service in Canada, and after settling in Jamestown became a state officer of the Order of Maccabees. He is an Episcopalian in religious belief, and a Republican in politics. Mr. Bates married Mary Marsh, a native of Illinois.

During his childhood, Royal Marsh Bates attended the public schools of Jamestown, and graduated from the High School with the class of 1905. After completing his studies at that institution, where he was prepared for college, he matriculated at Syracuse University, where he took up the study of the law and was graduated in 1909 with the degree of LL. B. Shortly afterwards he was admitted to the bar of Chautauqua county, and coming to Jamestown, established himself in legal practice. Since that time Mr. Bates has consistently followed his profession and has established himself as one of the leading attorneys of the community, gaining the respect and confidence, not only of his professional colleagues, but of the community-at-large. Mr. Bates is a Republican in politics, but has never taken an active part in public affairs and is quite without ambition for political preferment of any kind. In 1911 he joined the New York National Guard and continued a member of that organization until 1915. At the present time he is a member of the Jamestown Bar Association, the Lawyers' Club of Buffalo, the Jamestown Club, the Jamestown Chamber of Commerce, the local lodges of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Order of Maccabees, the Syracuse Alumni Association, and the Phi Delta Theta College fraternity. In his religious belief Mr. Bates is an Episcopalian and attends the church of that denomination at Jamestown.

Royal Marsh Bates was united in marriage, Dec. 21, 1910, at Auburn, N. Y., with Alace M. Searing, a native of that place, a daughter of Adolphus H. and Sarah (Mekerl) Searing, both of whom were born in New York State and who now make their home at Auburn. Mr. Searing is a prominent attorney and county judge at that place, and is a well known Republican and a member of the Masonic Order and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Mr. and Mrs. Bates are the parents of two children, as follows: Wilmot S. and Sarah Louise.

**GUSTAF FABIAN SELLSTROM**—One of Jamestown's well known citizens, who, although born in a foreign land, has contributed much to the life of this city, is Gustaf Fabian Sellstrom. He was born at Wimmerby, Sweden, June 9, 1851, the son of P. Adolph and Johanna Maria (Berg) Sellstrom. In 1856 the elder Mr. Sellstrom died, leaving his widow with the care of three children: Gustaf Fabian, at the age of four years; Carl Adolph and John Frederick, the two latter now deceased.

Gustaf Fabian Sellstrom, better known as Fabian Sellstrom, attended the schools of his native country. At seventeen years of age he, together with his mother and two brothers, came to Jamestown, where he secured employment in the plant of Jones & Gifford, furniture

manufacturers. Leaving the furniture plant he went to Bradford, Pa., and remained there until 1877, being employed during that time as a foreman in a factory. Desiring to return to Jamestown, he secured a position as manager for Halliday & Benedict, meat dealers. In 1881 he formed a partnership with his brother, John Frederick Sellstrom, under the firm name of Sellstrom Bros., meat dealers, which continued until 1885, when through accidental death while hunting, John Frederick was taken away. Fabian Sellstrom bought out the interest of his brother's estate in June, 1885, and continued the business himself. Desiring a better location, he decided in May, 1886, to purchase the business of Drake Sessions on Third street, and for over a quarter of a century remained at this location, building up a large and successful business, being the largest retail meat dealer in Chautauqua county.

During these years he became interested in several of the manufacturing industries in the city, and became one of the strongest supporters of the Dahlstrom Metallic Door Company, this institution owing much to his loyal support during times of difficulties and financial stress. During the early period of organization he was commissioned to handle several important business deals and problems of this concern. In 1912 Mr. Sellstrom sold out his meat business, retiring from active commercial life. He took active part, however, in the affairs of the Dahlstrom Metallic Door Company as vice-president and treasurer until 1918, when he retired entirely from active business. His interests in real estate and manufacturing concerns continue to keep him in touch with the business life of Jamestown. In politics, Mr. Sellstrom is a Republican, but in practice is an independent voter, giving his support to the candidate he feels most nearly meets the requirements of the office. In fraternal life, he is a member of all the Masonic bodies up to and including the thirty-second degree, and also is a member of several social organizations.

During all these years of business life the constant aid and encouragement of his devoted wife meant a great deal to his achievements and progressive development. On August 3, 1882, at Jamestown, he was united in marriage with Emily Eugenia Lundberg. To Mr. and Mrs. Sellstrom were born four children: 1. Elmer W., received his early education in the public schools, later attending Cornell University and graduating with the degree of Civil Engineer in 1907. Leaving the University he became associated with the Dahlstrom Metallic Door Company, being active in the upbuilding of that institution. He has been actively identified with community work, serving in many capacities. He is a member of all the Masonic bodies and past eminent commander of Jamestown Commandery, Knights Templar. He is at present the president of the Jamestown Rotary Club. 2. May H., also attended the public schools, graduating in 1904, and later taking up special work in piano at the Sherwood Music School at Chicago. Upon graduating from there she became one of Mr. Sherwood's able assistants. Later she was associated in the music department of Miss Bennett's School for Girls at Millbrook, N. Y. In 1917 she became the wife of Crawford N. Bargar, a sketch of whom follows, to whom one child has been born. 3. Lilla E. F., died in 1894, at the





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ELIAS C. BARGAR



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age of four years. 4. V. Emily, was educated in the Jamestown public schools, graduating with the class of 1915, and the next year graduating from Dana Hall at Wellesley, Mass. She also attended Simmons College at Boston and Smith College at Northampton, Mass., receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts from the latter institution in 1920, and is now active in the educational and social life of the community.

Mrs. Emily E. Sellstrom was born in Wester Gotland, Sweden, in 1857, a daughter of John Eliason and Maria Christina Lundberg. Her father was a well known merchant in Longared, Sweden, and lived to the ripe age of eighty-nine years. Her mother died in her early forties. Mrs. Sellstrom is next to the youngest in a family of five children. Her brothers, John Edward and William, came to this country and were engaged in the tanning industry at Ridgeway, Pa., for many years, and C. Oscar in the steel industry at Duquesne, Pa. John Edward and William are now deceased. Her sister, Mrs. Solomon Johanson, lives at Osarp, Limmared, Sweden.

Mrs. Sellstrom came to this country as a young girl, and has been active in the church and community life of the city. For a number of years past she has been the president of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Norden Club, and has contributed much to the literary, educational and social interest manifested there. Always interested in the best of literature, considerable of her time has been devoted along these lines and she has written many verses which have been a joy to her friends. She has also written a number of plays, one of which, entitled "Then and Now," an historical play, has been given on many occasions to the interest and benefit of the audiences. Being interested in the advancement of equal suffrage and an ardent supporter of the cause, she contributed much of her time and thought to it. As a member of the First Lutheran Church, of Jamestown, she has taken active interest in church work.

**THE BARGAR FAMILY**—Andries Bargar or Andres Barrager came to Dutchess county, N. Y., from Holland or Germany, and settled with his wife, Phebe Lehman or Leighman, in that section now known as Putnam Valley, Putnam county, N. Y. The children of Andries and Phebe (Lehman) Bargar were: Andres (2); John, of further mention; Morton, Peter, Franz, Hannan, Sophie, Betsey, Jerusha and Maria.

John Bargar was born in 1748, died in 1818. He was a farmer of Putnam Valley all his active years, and during the Revolution served with the Seventh Regiment, Dutchess County Militia. He married Martha Tompkins, daughter of Cornelius Tompkins, of Putnam Valley. Children: 1. Cornelius, born 1770, died Feb. 27, 1847. 2. Mary, born July 21, 1778, married Jeremiah Chapman, Jr. 3. John, born July 21, 1779, died Dec. 24, 1856, and is buried at Adams Corners, N. Y. 4. Nathaniel, of further mention. 5. Jane, born Nov. 14, 1781, died Oct. 17, 1851. 6. Phebe, born 1786, died Sept. 9, 1830; married Jedediah Hill. 7. Fanny, born April 22, 1789, died May 22, 1874; married Annanias, son of Bartholomew Tompkins. 8. Reuben, born 1792; married (first) a Miss Horton, and (second) Mary Travis.

Nathaniel Bargar was born in Putnam Valley in 1780, died Dec. 28, 1816; his will bearing date of Dec. 23,

1816, names his father John, wife Susannah, two sons and three daughters. The witnesses to his will were John and Reuben Bargar. He was a farmer of Putnam Valley. He married Susannah Crawford. Children: 1. Nathaniel C., of further mention. 2. Mary, born Sept. 11, 1812, died April 30, 1833. 3. Martha (or Sarah). 4. Susan, born Oct. 16, 1815, died Jan. 15, 1872; married Samuel F. Smith, of Putnam Valley, born Feb. 1, 1814, died March 1, 1899. 5. Elias, removed to Kansas.

Nathaniel C. Bargar was born June 24, 1808, in Putnam Valley, New York, died in Gerry, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Jan. 16, 1859. He was one of the early pioneers in Chautauqua, having come here with his young wife, driving all the way in an ox-cart. He married (first) Catherine Tompkins, born in 1812, daughter of John Tompkins. She died Feb. 14, 1837, at Ellery, Chautauqua county, N. Y. They were the parents of three sons: 1. John D., born Sept. 10, 1829, died June 20, 1889, at Charlotte, Chautauqua county, N. Y.; he married Elizabeth Lewis, and lived the greater part of his life on a farm about two miles north of Sinclairville; a son, George L., was born to them in 1847. George L., the son, married Hattie M. Putnam, and they had one son, Allen E., born 1889, a graduate of the law department, University of Buffalo, admitted to the New York bar, 1915, served overseas in France with the United States Army, attorney in Jamestown, N. Y., in 1921. 2. Nathaniel T., born Feb. 17, 1834, died Jan. 9, 1903, at Sinclairville, N. Y.; he married (first) in 1854, Ruth A. Austin, who died in 1886, leaving twin daughters, Jennie and Jentie, born in 1866; he married (second) Ella Tyrrell, who survived her husband a few years. 3. Lowree D., born Feb. 7, 1837; he enlisted during the Civil War, fought with the 154th Regiment, was captured and died in Libby Prison; he married Sarah Van Wert, and had a son, Seth, born in 1861. Nathaniel C. Bargar married (second) Tamar Tompkins, a sister of his first wife, and they were the parents of five children: 4. Emory O., born May 2, 1838, died in Sinclairville, N. Y., July 16, 1885; married Cynthia J. McCullough, and they had six sons and a daughter; Emory O. Bargar was proprietor of a drug store in Sinclairville, which after his death passed to his six sons: John M. C., who was well educated, a musician, and prominent in church and community life at Springville, N. Y.; Edgar N., a wealthy business man of Buffalo, N. Y.; Emery J., Floyd L., Clayton T., Victor H. Ethel is the name of his daughter. 5. Mary A., born 1840, died 1845. 6. Martha J., born 1843, died 1845. 7. Elias C., of further mention. 8. Westoby, born Sept. 8, 1851, died in Eskeridge, Kan., Oct. 20, 1884; was a well known merchant of that town. 9. Lewis C., died aged sixteen years.

Elias C. Bargar was born May 19, 1846, in the town of Gerry, Chautauqua county, N. Y., and until 1891 was a farmer of that town. In that year he moved to Jamestown, where he later engaged in the grocery business, continuing until 1905, when he retired and continued to reside in Jamestown. From 1908 to 1910 Mr. Bargar served in the City Council as alderman from his ward, and still takes an active interest in all public affairs.

Elias C. Bargar married (first) in 1870, Alice E. Totman (see Totman), born in the town of Pomfret, Chautauqua county, N. Y., March 4, 1851, died Jan. 1, 1906,

in Jamestown. Mrs. Bargar was a woman of refinement, with marked literary ability, fluent of speech and ready of pen. Unselfish, loyal and womanly, she was to her children a faithful counselor and guide, and they "rise up and call her blessed." She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Jamestown, the Jamestown Political Equality Club, and Union Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, being an officer of the two last named organizations at the time of her death. Elias C. Bargar married (second) 1908, Elnora King (Bowen) in Jamestown. Elias C. and Alice E. (Totman) Bargar were the parents of five children: 1. Lewis T., born Feb. 16, 1875, resides in Jamestown, a machinist; he married, in 1902, Elizabeth Rogers, and they are the parents of eight children: Lewis T., Jr., born April 12, 1903; Thomas D., born Feb. 9, 1905; John C., born March 22, 1907; Mary A., born July 20, 1909; Clarence E., born 1911, died 1914; G. Arthur, born July 9, 1914; Roger, born Oct. 23, 1916; Lawrence M., born Oct. 12, 1920. 2. Daniel T., born May 23, 1877, died Dec. 13, 1905, a graduate of Jamestown High School, class of 1899; his death in young manhood was a great shock and loss to his family; he was a man of lofty ideals and keen mind, as was evidenced in all that he undertook; at the time of his death he was engaged as a partner in the grocery business with his brother Crawford N. 3. Crawford N., of further mention. 4. Mary A., of further mention. 5. Alice E., born August 7, 1882, died Jan. 30, 1884.

Crawford N. Bargar was born June 4, 1878, in Gerry, N. Y. After receiving a sound education in the Jamestown public and high schools, he entered the grocery business as an employee in his father's store, remaining in such capacity for eight years, when he with his brother, Daniel T., purchased their father's interest. This partnership was continued for two years until Daniel T. Bargar's death, after which time Crawford N. Bargar resumed business alone for the subsequent seven years. In January, 1911, he became manager of the S. M. Flickinger Company, Inc., wholesale grocers of Jamestown, a position he continues to the present time. Mr. Bargar is a director of the S. M. Flickinger Company, Inc., the Flickinger Stores, Inc., the Empire Worsted Mills, the Bank of Jamestown, and the Pendergast Building Company. He is a member of Mt. Moriah Lodge, No. 145, Free and Accepted Masons; Western Sun Chapter, No. 67, Royal Arch Masons; Jamestown Commandery, No. 61, Knights Templar, and the Crescent Lodge, Knights of Pythias. He also is affiliated with Union Grange, the Young Men's Christian Association, Kiwanis Club, the Norden Club, and active on the Board of Commerce. He is a progressive, public-spirited citizen, always ready to "lend a hand" in furthering any cause in his community.

He married, in Jamestown, April 28, 1917, May H. Sellstrom, daughter of Fabian and Emily E. (Lundberg) Sellstrom (see Sellstrom). Mrs. Bargar is a woman of culture and refinement with musical talent. She is a graduate of the Jamestown High School, 1904, and of the Sherwood Music School, Chicago, Ill. Mrs. Bargar has appeared in concert work in both Chicago and Chautauqua. While in Chicago she was a member of the Amateur Musical Club. She is a member of the Mozart Club, Union Grange, Ladies' Auxiliary of the Norden Club, and the Northside Sunshine Club. Mrs. Bargar

was once president of the Campaign Club of Jamestown, an organization that was instrumental in the suffrage movement of Chautauqua county. Mr. and Mrs. Bargar are the parents of one child, Robert Sellstrom Bargar, born August 8, 1919. Mr. and Mrs. Bargar are members of the First Presbyterian Church.

Mary A. Bargar is one of Jamestown's best known women, and has been prominently in the public eye for several years as teacher and public official, her three years in the office of city clerk bringing her forward. Her political career has been unmarred as yet by defeat, even though in a city where nothing without a Republican label can survive, she made her entrance as a candidate on the Prohibition ticket and was elected over her Republican competitor, and so acceptably served her term that two years later she carried the Republican primary and was reelected at the March election, 1920. Mary A. Bargar was born May 20, 1879. She was educated in the public schools, finishing with graduation from Jamestown High School, class of 1899. The four years following graduation, she taught in the Jamestown grade schools, then entered Syracuse University, whence she was graduated, class of 1910. The next eight years Miss Bargar spent in teaching, three years in high school at Gloversville, N. Y., two years in high school at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., and three years in Jamestown High School. In March, 1918, she was elected city clerk of Jamestown, which position she holds at the present time. She is interested in many of Jamestown's organizations, social, charitable and religious, and is a woman of fine quality, her public service being of most efficient and praiseworthy character. She is a member of the First Methodist Church.

(The Totman Line).

There were four of the Totman brothers: Abijah, Daniel, Harvey, and Joshua, sons of Joshua Totman, who was also a son of a Joshua Totman, born in 1751; two of these sons were by a first wife of the father, and two by the second wife. Abijah Totman, the eldest brother, was born about the year 1800, and in 1826 married Betsey —, aged twenty-five years. They were the parents of nine children: Levi, David, Edsel, Julia, Phoebe, Esther, George, Perry, and Sophia, all deceased, the last survivor dying in 1920. Harvey Totman, the third brother, had two sons. Joshua Totman, the fourth son, had a son, Joshua (2), whose son, Roy Totman, now resides in Cassadaga, Chautauqua county, N. Y.

Daniel Totman, the second brother, was born April 8, 1811, died June 27, 1880. He was a man of strong character and high ideals, his early life a fitting example to his children, and his influence in his community always for good. He married Elvira P. Fisher, and they were the parents of two children: Stephen D. and Alice E. Stephen D. Totman, born May 26, 1846, married and left three children: George, born 1879, married Flossie A. Pope, and died Feb. 15, 1912; Franklin D., born 1880, married Emily Adell Webber, who died in 1900; Alice E., born 1885, married Leslie S. Wood.

Alice E. Totman, only daughter of Daniel and Elvira P. (Fisher) Totman, was born March 4, 1851, in the town of Pomfret, Chautauqua county, N. Y., died in Jamestown, N. Y., in 1906. She was educated in the district schools, Gainesville Seminary, and Jamestown



High School, and before her marriage she taught school. In 1870 she married Elias C. Bargar, of previous mention in this review, and for twenty years thereafter their home was on the farm in Gerry, Chautauqua county, and their five children were born there.

**OSCAR A. LENNA**—Like many other prominent business men of Chautauqua county, Oscar A. Lenna is of Swedish birth, having been born April 16, 1876, at Helsingborg, a seaport of Sweden, where he spent his youth. At the early age of seven it became necessary for him to seek employment away from home to assist a widowed mother with two younger children to support; he, however, attended school five winters, and at the age of twelve was prepared to enter high school, but instead he continued to work away from home to assist his mother.

In 1894 he came to United States, arriving at the port of New York, and immediately went to Ridgway, Elk county, Pa., where he worked in the lumber woods for about two years; for several years after that he worked in the steel mills at South Chicago, Ill., Niles and Hazelton, Ohio; he then engaged in the hotel business at Johnsonburg, Elk county, Pa., and continued there until 1904, when he moved to Jamestown, N. Y., and entered the wholesale liquor business. In 1914 he began an active career as a manufacturer—organized the Jamestown Car Parts Manufacturing Company, which concern was incorporated in August of that year, and is now capitalized at \$500,000. The company manufactures automobile, truck, and tractor radiators and other car-parts. Mr. Lenna has been its president from the beginning. A factory was rented at first where sixty people were employed. The expansion of the business, however, soon made a larger plant necessary and a site was purchased on Allen street extension, where a large factory was erected in 1917 and occupied in December of that year. From the very outset this company has been ably managed and has had a prosperous career, Mr. Lenna giving it his personal attention, and it is among the leading manufacturing concerns of the city of Jamestown.

In June, 1920, Mr. Lenna, with several other prominent business men of the city of Jamestown, incorporated the Jamestown Malleable Products Corporation, which concern was capitalized at \$500,000.00 and is now erecting a large plant, and when plans are completed will be one of Jamestown's largest industries; since its incorporation Mr. Lenna has been its president. Mr. Lenna is also a director of the Union Trust Company of Jamestown, N. Y., and has other business interests of importance; in fact, is one of the prominent and well known figures in Jamestown's business affairs.

The rise of Mr. Lenna in business, and as a well known, esteemed and honored citizen has been indeed remarkable and can be attributed to these essential qualifications—an energetic and careful well trained business man, and a genial personality of the kind that makes friends; in fact, in every respect he is a self-made man. Mr. Lenna is a member of several of the leading clubs of the city of Jamestown, N. Y.; is also a Mason, and a member of other leading fraternal societies.

Mr. Lenna was married in Johnsonburg, Pa., in 1903, to Hilda M. Nordstrom, and they are the parents of three children: Harry A., Reginald A., and Helen M.

**MAJOR AUGUSTE BARTHOLDI PETERSON**, native of Jamestown, is by profession an attorney, and by practice a soldier of honorable, indeed notable, war record.

He was born in Jamestown, N. Y., Feb. 8, 1888, the son of Edward A. and Edith (Kirkpatrick) Peterson, the former a much esteemed resident of that city, where for so many years he was one of its leading merchants. Mrs. Edith (Kirkpatrick) Peterson died while her son, Auguste Bartholdi, was still an infant. He received his academic education wholly in local schools, attending the Jamestown Grammar School for primary instruction, and in 1908 graduated from the Jamestown High School. Deciding upon law as a profession, he then entered the Albany Law School of Union University, and in 1912 was graduated therefrom with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. After serving a clerkship of one year with one of the leading law firms of Jamestown, Auguste B. Peterson established himself in independent practice in Jamestown, and gave indications of an alert mind, a good understanding of law, and a readiness of expression which promised well for his success in his future practice at the legal bar.

Of course, when the national emergency came in 1917, all private interests became secondary, and the men of professions, important and unimportant, and the men of business, employer as well as employed, stood prepared to cease their civilian occupations when the national call came. As a matter of fact the national call came to Major Peterson quite a while before the entry of the United States into the World War. He was probation officer of Jamestown at the time National Guard regiments were federalized in 1916 to proceed to the Mexican border because of the trouble with Mexico, and when the local company of the New York State National Guard was mustered into the Federal forces, Attorney Peterson set aside his personal and professional affairs, and took his military post of junior command, first lieutenant of the Jamestown unit. That was on July 1, 1916. Proceeding to the Mexican border, Lieutenant Peterson was detailed to headquarters company and had full charge of all the signalling of the corral and of the mounted scouts and orderlies, and detailed to act as adjutant of the second battalion, in addition to his company duties with his own unit, Company E. In February, 1916, the New York National Guard units returned to their home stations, and were mustered out of the Federal service, but scarcely a month had passed before another call came from Washington for the federalization of State National Guard units, this time because of the grave and almost certain involvement of the United States in the World War. On March 28, 1917, Lieutenant Peterson was mustered into the Federal service, and left with his company on Easter Sunday, April 8, 1917, for Silver Creek for guard duty. He was later detailed back to Jamestown on recruiting duty, and on August 13, 1917, left for Buffalo with a detachment of eighty recruits. On Sept. 29, 1917, he, with former New York State Na-

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tional Guard units, left Buffalo for Camp Wadsworth, Spartansburg, S. C. While there he was transferred from Company E to Company C, and detailed as assistant judge advocate of the General Court of the division. On Jan. 31, 1918, he was detailed to Aurora, Ill., there to take a special course in cipher and code, and upon his return to Camp Wadsworth was detailed to the office of the chief of staff of the 27th Division, as instructor in this work. Shortly afterwards, on May 16, 1918, he sailed for France. The glorious record of the 27th Division in France is too well known to make necessary a reviewing herein of its achievements, and it will suffice if the writer adheres strictly in this article to a recounting of Major Peterson's part in the work of that division, which brought fame to itself and to the American Army and Nation, particularly by its thrilling achievement of piercing the supposedly impregnable Hindenburg Line. Major Peterson was intelligence officer of the division, and as such had to constantly follow the fighting, and as is well known the 27th Division had to endure some of the most desperate fighting of the war. He was in three major battles: At the Hindenburg Line, near Bony, Sept. 29, 1918; at La Selie River, near St. Souplet, Oct. 17, 1918; and at Jonc de Mer Ridge, near Arbie Guernon, Oct. 18, 1918. And he was present at the following engagements: Vierstratt Ridge, near Mount Kemmel, Sept. 2, 1918; at the Knoll, Guilmont Farm, and Quennemont Farm, Sept. 27, 1918; and at St. Maurice River, near Catillon, Oct. 19, 1918; and also in minor actions at the East Poperinghe Line, July 9 to August 20, 1918, and in the Dickeburch sector, August 21 to 30, 1918.

Major Peterson's work as intelligence officer was apparently meritorious, as the following citations indicate:

Headquarters, 27th Division, U. S. A.,  
A. E. F., in France, Jan. 11, 1918.

1. I recommend that Captain Auguste B. Peterson, assistant chief of staff of this division, be appointed a general staff officer. This officer has most satisfactorily performed general staff duty, as G-2 in this division, for the past four months, part of which service was rendered during active operations. He has demonstrated special qualifications for the duties performed by him. Captain Peterson possesses the bearing, habits, and manner which an officer should possess to reflect credit upon the general staff. He is thorough in his work, quiet and unassuming in manner, energetic and resourceful in the performance of duty. I am informed that at the staff college at Longres, British officers who have lectured on intelligence work, have noticed and recommended, as an example, the intelligence work of this division during operations. If so, credit is due to Captain Peterson.

2. The prohibition of further promotion prevented the promotion of this officer to the grade of major.  
JOHN F. O'RYAN,  
Major-General.

Eventually, however, the arbitrary order of the general staff prohibiting further promotion of officers after Nov. 11, 1918, the date of the signing of the armistice, was withdrawn, and Auguste B. Peterson, who had been promoted to a captaincy on Oct. 15, 1918, was promoted to the grade of major in February, 1919, having served as acting chief of staff throughout the stay of the division in France.

Further evidence of the value of Captain Peterson's services to the division is contained in the general report of the division commander. The following is extracted from the section regarding intelligence work:

The foregoing comments would be incomplete without recognition of the marked efficiency of Captain Auguste B. Peterson, Div. intelligence officer, by reason of whose services you had a valuable assistant, and whose charge of the intelligence work during the La Selie River operations was marked by a high order of excellence.

Again, the official citation of Captain Peterson, by Major-General O'Ryan, dated Feb. 18, 1919, reads:

Captain Auguste B. Peterson, G-2 division headquarters. For exceptionally efficient and meritorious service, as intelligence officer of the division, during the periods of operations in Belgium and France. The work of this officer was frequently commented upon, for its special value, by officers of our own and British armies.

UNITED STATES ARMY CITATION—Major Auguste B. Peterson, Intelligence Officer, 27th Div., for exceptionally meritorious and conspicuous services as intelligence officer, 27th Division, France, American Expeditionary Forces.

In testimony thereof, and as an expression of appreciation of these services, I award him this citation.  
Awarded on 20th June, 1919.

JOHN J. PERSHING,  
Commander-in-Chief.

Upon the return of Major Peterson to his native place, he was appointed secretary of the Jamestown Board of Commerce, and took hold of matters with a zest which indicates a true interest in the community with which his family has had such a long association. Andrew Peterson, his grandfather, whose life is elsewhere recorded in this work, was one of the first Methodist Episcopal ministers of Jamestown. In February, 1920, Major Peterson resigned his position as secretary of the Board of Commerce and affiliated himself with Lyman R. Van Vlach and Allen E. Bargar for the practice of law under the partnership name of Van Vlach, Peterson & Bargar. Major Peterson is a commander of the American Legion, and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars; Distinguished Service Order of the United States; Mt. Moriah Lodge; Jamestown Club; Rotary Club, and several other fraternal and civic organizations.

While in military service and in recruiting duty in Jamestown, he was married at Chautauqua, July 28, 1917, to Clarissa May Starling, of Sandford, Fla., daughter of B. J. and Elizabeth Starling, of that place, where the former owned and operated some fruit farms. Major and Mrs. Peterson are the parents of one son, Robert Bartholdi, born in Jacksonville, Fla. Through her mother, who is regent of the Florida Chapter, Mrs. Peterson belongs to the Daughters of the American Revolution, and also to the Daughters of the Confederacy.

CHARLES AUSTIN HANVEY, Oph.—Since 1906 Dr. Hanvey has practiced his profession in Jamestown, coming the year after his graduation from the Rochester School of Optometry. His office and plant is in the Wellman block, and there eyes are tested, examined, and prescribed for, the prescriptions now numbering seventeen thousand, being filled by experts who grind the glasses to the requirements of the prescription. This latter branch of his business was added by Dr. Hanvey as a convenience to his clients, the time consumed in sending work away and awaiting its return being saved by doing the work at his own plant. Optometry is now recognized as a separate profession





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by many states, and New York has now joined with those states requiring a four years' course before granting the degree of Oph.—Doctor of Optometry. Dr. Hanvey is a son of Henry P. and Belle (Lincoln) Hanvey, his father for many years an engineer in the employ of the Erie Railroad, and at the present time (1920) eligible to the retired list. Mr. and Mrs. Hanvey are the parents of three children: Mrs. Jennie Hughes, a widow; Lettie, wife of Eugene Passett, and Charles Austin, of this review.

Charles Austin Hanvey was born in Attica, N. Y., April 4, 1880. He was educated in Lockport High School, from which he was graduated with the class of 1890. He was a student for one year in the Young Men's Christian Association Training School at Chicago, Ill., and after that course in physical culture he entered the Rochester School of Optometry, Rochester, N. Y., from which institution he was graduated in the year 1905. The following year he located in Jamestown, N. Y., and has practiced there ever since. In 1912, Dr. Hanvey received his degree of Doctor of Optometry at the completion of a course of study at the Philadelphia College of Optometry. A specialty with Dr. Hanvey is the treatment of defective vision in infant children without subjecting them to the pain and risk of an operation. Numbers of children have been treated and their vision corrected by optometrists without an operation, children who were cross-eyed or their eyes defective from the time of their birth, and this method of treatment has thus demonstrated its value, and to this branch Dr. Hanvey is giving his closest attention. Dr. Hanvey is a member of the American and New York State Optometric societies; Mt. Moriah Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and from that base has built his Masonic membership in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, being affiliated with Jamestown Lodge of Perfection; Jamestown Council, Princes of Jerusalem, and Buffalo Consistory. He is also a member of Mt. Tabor Lodge and Chautauqua Encampment, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Dr. Hanvey married, Aug. 10, 1919, Mabel M. Maybee, daughter of Frank and Catherine Maybee, of Jamestown.

**JEROME BONAPARTE FISHER** was perhaps the most brilliant and conspicuous figure of Western New York in public life during the last generation. Upon his death (June 18, 1919) Chautauqua county mourned the loss of a favorite and distinguished son. No citizen of this county since Governor Reuben E. Fenton was so widely known and honored throughout the United States.

His public career and service started in early manhood. He was twice elected county judge of Chautauqua county and served for fourteen years as Supreme Court reporter of New York State. Before giving the data of Judge Fisher's life and achievements, we will present the picture of the man, as drawn in the editorials written and eulogies delivered at the time of his death, by men who knew him intimately.

As a lawyer, Judge Fisher was a brilliant and skillful advocate, and a counsellor of rare judgment. He was for years the conceded leader of the Chautauqua county bar, and engaged in most of the important litigations.

He was a man of strong character and integrity, and of keen and forceful intellect. He had deep reverence for the law. He presided as county judge with dignity and courtesy, "his sense of justice, tempered with mercy, enabled him to determine questions affecting persons with humaneness, and of property with strict impartiality."

As orator, public speaker and campaigner, he won a national reputation. He read extensively and was a student of history, economics and politics, as well as of men and passing events. He had delivered speeches and addresses on patriotic, political and public occasions, at memorial services, or at social gatherings in nearly every State of the Union. He possessed a voice of unusual range and of rare richness and appeal. No jury or audience long resisted the charm and magnetism of his personality. Patriotic and public-spirited in the highest degree, on many occasions he aroused his audiences to patriotic fervor or civic duty by his own enthusiasm and sincerity, by the inspiration of his high ideals of service and love of country, and by the magic of his words and golden voice. From early manhood an active and ardent Republican in politics, he engaged in many important State and National campaigns. In 1908 he traveled with William H. Taft in his successful campaign for the presidency. He was also with Frank W. Higgins in his campaign for governor in 1909. He has been described as "one of the truly great campaigners of his time."

He also possessed that rare ability of extemporaneous response, a fund of anecdotes, an ever ready sense of humor, which made him an ideal toastmaster and after dinner speaker, and with which he delighted and enlivened many a formal banquet and social gathering. Judge Henry A. Melvin, of the Supreme Court of California, said of Judge Fisher:

He was a wonderful man; he was an orator in the highest sense of that much abused term. I have heard him called by a brother that loved him "an old-fashioned orator," not meaning by that that his methods were antiquated, but that very few of our modern orators made use of so brilliant phrases combined with the graces of diction that were the very courtesy of speech.

While his addresses and speeches were numerous, and although he responded unselfishly to repeated demands for his services as a speaker, at great personal and financial loss, he possessed little egotism, and but few of his speeches and addresses have been preserved. One of them, his address on "The Life and Works of Reuben E. Fenton," delivered at the centennial celebration of Chautauqua county, may be found in the "Centennial History." This work was a labor of love, for as a young lawyer Mr. Fisher attracted the attention and gained the friendship of Governor Fenton, who named him as one of his executors.

For fifty-five years Judge Fisher lived in Jamestown. He had known many of the pioneers of the county and was intimately acquainted with the early history of this region. He took keen interest and active part in the growth and development of his city, and was perhaps never happier than when giving expression to his pride in Jamestown, and in describing the beauty and grandeur of Chautauqua county and the Empire State.

In spite of his brilliant attainments and public career, Judge Fisher will undoubtedly be longest and best re-

membered by the present generation as a friend. He possessed in surpassing degree those generous qualities of mind and heart, of loyalty and ready sympathy, which win and retain friendship. He took a deep interest in fraternalism and was especially devoted to the Benevolent and Patriotic Order of Elks, for its principles and its patriotic and charitable service especially appealed to him. In the national councils of that order he was "a leader among leaders." He had been elected grand exalted ruler of the national order and in that capacity, in 1901, instituted a lodge at Honolulu, Hawaii. During the World War, in addition to the inestimable service which he performed in his own community in moulding public opinion and arousing patriotism by his voice and commanding influence, Judge Fisher found opportunity for great service as a member of the national "Elks' War Relief Commission." This commission constructed two large hospitals and performed general work in the relief and service of maimed and sick soldiers and sailors.

Following Judge Fisher's death the Grand Lodge of the National Order of Elks in convention at Atlantic City by resolution set aside the hour of 11:00 A. M., Wednesday, July 9, 1919, for a special memorial service to testify to his wonderful personality and public service, and to express the admiration and esteem, and the sense of bereavement felt by the half million members of that order at his death. The services conducted and the eulogies there delivered by distinguished men were printed in a beautiful brochure. Space will permit but brief extract therefrom and we choose certain passages which accurately and intimately describe Judge Fisher's creed of life and the personal side of his character:

He loved and served his fellowmen who in their turn rewarded his great genius with their highest honors. He enriched himself with riches surpassing price by enriching humanity with his golden gifts. His chivalric kindness knew no caste or creed. Earth's dreary places he gladdened wherever he found them. \* \* \*

He believed in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man; in the religion of love and the gospel of good works; that "above all sects is truth, above all nations is humanity." He believed that all the sons of men are sons of God. He sympathized with human frailties and human sufferings. He felt that the man who scatters flowers in the pathway of his fellowmen, who lets into the dark places of life the sunshine of human sympathy and human helpfulness is following in the footsteps of the Master. He believed that "we rise by raising others, and he who stoops above the fallen stands erect."

From his earliest youth until almost his last day, whether in the athletic arena of the high school or university, in the courts, on the platform, in fraternal circle or in patriotic endeavor, his was the strenuous career. Not alone as an inspiring exemplar of the highest citizenship, but as a jurist of learning and probity, as an orator of compelling power and ardent Americanism, as an after dinner speaker whose wit and humor made every occasion which he graced a real delight, and above all as an unselfish and faithful friend, he will be long remembered. \* \* \*

His Americanism was an inspiration to all who knew him. His patriotism was as pure as the red blood which pulsed from his pure heart. And he was at his very best when he was giving expression in his own eloquent style to his sentiments of loyalty and love of country which were a part of his very life. \* \* \*

Personal association with Judge Fisher was a delight. He maintained the vivacity and enthusiasm of youth, for he grew old only in years. His keen wit, ever without a sting; his sense of humor; his gentleness and consideration; his geniality, and his real affection for all his associates, made him a leading spirit in every gathering.

His pride in the beautiful wife of his youth and in his stalwart sons was equalled only by his eagerness to make sacrifices in their behalf. For many years he

represented professionally the largest corporate interests of his community, but this never gave to his nature a sordid taint, and throughout his active life he seemed never to seek or care for wealth. Perhaps this is one of the secrets of his hold upon the affections of his fellow-men and especially of his professional brethren who find in his career a demonstration that

A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches; and loving favor than silver and gold.

And long after his brilliant talents, his acquired accomplishments, and his professional and civic eminence shall be only pleasant memories, the large heartedness, the willing service, and the gift of kindness of Jerome B. Fisher will keep his memory beloved.

Jerome Bonaparte Fisher, the son of Jerome B. and Polly (Martin) Fisher, was born Feb. 13, 1851, at Russell, Warren county, Pa., in the foothills of the Alleghenies. Until thirteen years old he lived at Russell, attending the public schools of Pennsylvania. His family then moved to Jamestown, N. Y., where he attended the public schools, graduating from the Union School and Collegiate Institute in 1872. After that he attended Cornell University for two years, taking an optional course. He taught school four years before going to college, and during vacations worked on a farm and with his father in lumbering and rafting on the Allegheny river. While at Cornell he stood high in his studies, was captain of the baseball nine and rowed on the college crew.

He began the study of law in the office of Bootey & Fowler, at Jamestown, and was admitted to the bar of New York State in 1878. He started practice with Marvin Smith, under the firm name of Smith & Fisher. In August, 1881, he became junior partner of the firm of Cook, Lockwood & Fisher. In 1883, Mr. Lockwood having retired, Arthur C. Wade was admitted to partnership, and the firm name became Cook, Fisher & Wade. This partnership continued until the death of Judge Cook, in July, 1895. Later that year M. R. Stevenson entered the firm, the firm name being changed to Fisher, Wade & Stevenson.

In 1896, Mr. Fisher was the unanimous choice of the Republican party convention for county judge, and was elected the following November by a majority of 7,000. He was reelected county judge in 1902, but resigned in the fall of 1905 to accept appointment as Supreme Court reporter of the State of New York, an appointment made by the justices of the Appellate Divisions of the Supreme Court. As Supreme Court reporter he edited and published seventy-nine volumes (Vols. 109 to 188) of the opinions of that court. While holding this position, he was able to retain his residence at Jamestown and to continue to some extent the active practice of law. In 1908, he formed the partnership of Fisher & Fisher, with his son, Marion H. Fisher, and this connection continued until his death. While studying law, Judge Fisher was twice elected clerk of the village of Jamestown, and later represented the city on the Board of Supervisors. In 1883, he was delegate to the National Republican convention supporting the nomination of Benjamin Harrison. In 1884, he was chosen alternate delegate to the Republican National convention and there supported the nomination of James G. Blaine.

Judge Fisher was a member of Mt. Moriah Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Western Sun Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic



Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Buffalo; and was the first eminent commander of the Jamestown Commandery, Knights Templar. He was a member of the Republican Club of New York City; Fort Orange Club of Albany; Connewango Fishing Club of Warren, and for many years of the Jamestown Club. He joined the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks as a charter member of Jamestown Lodge, No. 263, in 1893. In 1894, he was elected exalted ruler of that lodge, and in 1896 grand trustee of the National order. In 1900, he was elected grand exalted ruler of the Elks, and in 1901, in that capacity, he founded a lodge at Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands, the first lodge of the order to be instituted outside the United States.

On Dec. 19, 1878, at Jamestown, Mr. Fisher married Julia E. Hatch, a daughter of Mason B. and Polly (Strong) Hatch. The Hatch family came among the pioneers from Vermont and originally settled at Ellington. Mrs. Fisher died in October, 1911, leaving four sons: Jerome B., Jr., Marion H., Daniel E., and Reuben F., sketches of whom follow.

Mr. Fisher died at his home in Jamestown, June 18, 1919, after a protracted illness. He was buried in Lakeview Cemetery at Jamestown, his funeral being attended by members of the judiciary, of the bar, the Elks and the Masonic orders. The burial ritual of the Elks being performed at the grave by past grand exalted rulers of that order.

**JEROME BONAPARTE FISHER, JR.**, son of Judge Jerome Bonaparte and Julia E. (Hatch) Fisher (q. v.), was born in Jamestown, N. Y., Feb. 11, 1880. He completed the course of the public grade and high schools of the city, then entered Jamestown Business College. In June, 1900, after completing his course at the last named institution, he entered the employ of the Farmers and Mechanics Bank, but resigned eighteen months later to take a position with the Pennsylvania Gas Company as bookkeeper, which position he held until September, 1917, when he became traveling auditor for the National Fuel Gas Company of New York, a position he has ably filled until the present (1921). He, however, retains his residence in Jamestown, where he has many fraternal and social ties. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Chadakoin Boat Club, the Chautauqua Council of United Commercial Travelers, and the First Presbyterian Church. Politically, he is a Republican. His recreations are those of the out-of-doors, and he is one of Jamestown's well known younger citizens.

Mr. Fisher, on Oct. 15, 1907, married Imogene Partridge, daughter of Frank E. and Anna Berry Partridge, of Jamestown. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher are the parents of two sons: Jerome Bonaparte (3), born April 19, 1910; Warren Partridge, born April 8, 1918.

**MARION HATCH FISHER**, son of Jerome Bonaparte and Julia E. (Hatch) Fisher (q. v.), followed his father at the bar, and from October, 1908, until the death of Judge Fisher, in 1919, they practiced law together at Jamestown under the firm name of Fisher & Fisher. Since then Mr. Fisher has continued practice alone.

From May, 1917, until Dec. 31, 1920, Mr. Fisher served as assistant district attorney of Chautauqua county, under appointment by the Hon. William S. Stearns, district attorney. Mr. Stearns gave to Mr. Fisher full charge of all criminal work in the southern half of the county, comprising the First Assembly District. To the public business Mr. Fisher devoted the same care and attention which he gives to his private practice. He made no nice distinctions as to the limits of his duty, but gave unsparingly of his time in the investigation of crimes as well as in the prosecution of offenders.

As assistant district attorney, Mr. Fisher won new laurels as a successful trial lawyer. He secured convictions in every case prosecuted by him save one in which the jury disagreed. However, he sought no convictions by arousing prejudice or passion. His work as prosecutor was always characterized by dignity, impartiality and fair consideration of the rights of those accused of crime. His successes were won by painstaking preparation and analysis, and by fair and logical presentation of his cases.

Two of the cases prosecuted by Mr. Fisher were unusual and require special mention in the judicial history of the county. In March, 1920, he secured the conviction of Pandeli Constantine on a charge of manslaughter, in causing death by selling, without poison labels, toilet preparations containing wood alcohol, knowing that such preparations were being used in Jamestown as beverages. The victim was one of the seven men who died in Jamestown in September, 1919, all of whom showed symptoms of wood alcohol poisoning. This was the first conviction in the State for such a crime. On Dec. 23, 1920, Mr. Fisher secured the conviction of Edward Persons of murder in the first degree. Persons, with a companion who turned out to be the comparatively innocent accomplice, was charged with shooting George Klinger, a taxicab driver of Jamestown, at nightfall on Sept. 25, 1920, on a lonely road south of Lakewood in the town of Busti, and with burning the body in a straw stack. The criminals were strangers and had escaped. The clues, theories and motives were many and baffling. However, the criminals were traced and arrested in Ohio within five weeks. Mr. Fisher worked unceasingly for three months on this case, and credit for unraveling the mystery is largely due to him and Undersheriff Tarbox. Persons was tried before Justice Charles B. Sears. The trial, which lasted ten days, aroused more public interest than any case tried in this county for years. In view of the wave of crimes of violence sweeping the country during the year 1920 the conviction was deemed of great importance. The task of the prosecution was most difficult. Persons was ably defended by Lee L. Ottoway and Frank H. Mott, Esquires. The people were required to call some forty witnesses to establish the chain of evidence, largely circumstantial, which, with certain confessions, established the defendants' guilt. For the successful preparation and trial of this case Mr. Stearns publicly gave the entire credit to Mr. Fisher. Following the completion of this case Mr. Fisher resigned his office in order to devote his entire time to private practice.

Marion H. Fisher was born Dec. 14, 1881, at Jamestown, N. Y. He attended the public schools of that city and graduated from the high school in 1901. He then entered the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale University, graduating from there in 1904. He began his legal studies in his father's office, attended Albany Law School during the year 1904-05, and from the fall of 1905 until the fall of 1908 acted as secretary to his father in the office of the Supreme Court reporter at Albany, assisting in the editing and publishing of the opinions of the Appellate Divisions of the Supreme Court. While at Albany, Mr. Fisher completed his legal studies and was admitted to the bar of the State of New York in March, 1908. In high school Mr. Fisher was prominent in athletics, playing left end on the champion Jamestown High School football elevens in 1897 and 1898, and quarterback in 1900. He was also a member of the first high school basketball team, and rowed on two victorious Chadakoin Boat Club crews (1899 and 1904) in the annual race with the Chautauqua crews for the Miller Trophy. During summer vacations, Mr. Fisher worked for four seasons for the Chautauqua Steamboat Company, the last year (1903) as captain of the excursion steamer "City of Chicago." At Yale, Mr. Fisher was elected a member of the Chi Phi fraternity, and at the Albany Law School of the Phi Delta Phi, legal fraternity. He is a member of Jamestown Lodge, No. 263, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of the Chadakoin Boat Club, the Moon Brook Golf Club, and other social organizations.

Mr. Fisher was united in marriage at the Hotel Gotham, June 28, 1913, with Ethel Breon Jones, daughter of Louis Breon and Marietta (Carolin) Jones, of that city. They are the parents of one child, Robert, born March 11, 1915.

**DANIEL E. FISHER**, son of Jerome Bonaparte and Julia E. (Hatch) Fisher (q. v.), was born in Jamestown, March 1, 1884. He attended the Jamestown public schools, and while there was a member of the High School Lyceum, representing the school on debating teams and interscholastic speaking contests. He played on three high school football teams, and was captain of the team in 1902. After leaving high school, he attended the Jamestown Business College, and then for several years worked in the oil fields of Ohio and Oklahoma. In 1910, he received a serious injury in the hip, returned to Jamestown, and following a protracted illness, died Sept. 13, 1917, at the Jones Hospital, and was buried in Lakeview Cemetery in Jamestown, N. Y.

Daniel E. Fisher, to a marked degree, inherited his father's personal magnetism, generosity and ability to mix with men and make friends, and his untimely death was sincerely mourned.

**CAPT. REUBEN FENTON FISHER** is one of Jamestown's younger business men who have given a good account of themselves both as business men and as citizens. He won his captain's commission during the World War, but since his return from the army has been recommissioned as captain in the United States Officers' Reserve Corps, which gives him a living claim to the rank. Captain Fisher is a son of Judge

Jerome Bonaparte Fisher, whose passing in 1919 caused a genuine wave of sorrow to sweep over Chautauqua county, for Judge Fisher was one of the best known men of Chautauqua county and past grand exalted ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States. A deep admirer of Governor Reuben E. Fenton, and in honor of his friend, he named his youngest son Reuben Fenton Fisher.

Reuben Fenton Fisher was born in Jamestown, N. Y., Nov. 10, 1888. He attended Jamestown public schools and Holbrooks Military Academy, finishing his courses at the latter school in 1908. He was a member of the football teams and rowed on the Chadakoin Boat Club crews against Chautauqua crews in 1905-06-07. He entered Sheffield Scientific School, Yale University, whence he was graduated in the mechanical engineering department, class of 1911. In that year he entered the employ of the Art Metal Construction Company of Jamestown, resigning in 1916 to become associated with the Jamestown Shale Paving Brick Company. After a year with that company war broke out between the United States and Germany; Mr. Fisher applied for the first officers' training camp and was commissioned first lieutenant of the ordnance department in May, 1917, reporting for active duty in October, 1917, and in June, 1918, was commissioned captain in the United States Army. He was honorably discharged and mustered out of the United States service, March 10, 1919. He was recommissioned captain of the Officers' Reserve Corps, United States Army, May 14, 1919, and now holds that commission (May, 1920).

After his return from service in March, 1919, Captain Fisher became general manager of the Monarch Refillable Fuse Company, of Jamestown, N. Y. He is a Republican in politics, and in 1916 and 1917 was a member of both the city and county Republican committees. He is a Master Mason of Mt. Moriah Lodge, a companion of Western Sun Chapter, and a sir knight of Jamestown Commandery, Knights Templar. He is a member of Jamestown Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Alpha Zeta and Chi Phi fraternities; Yale Engineering Society, Chadakoin Boat Club, Moon Brook Country Club, and a member of St. Luke's Protestant Episcopal Church.

Mr. Fisher married, in Germantown, Pa., May 21, 1919, Helen B. Moore, daughter of Henry R. and Blanche W. (Bartram) Moore. To Mr. and Mrs. Fisher has been born one child, Sarah Moore, July 15, 1920.

**MRS. SUSAN M. (CLELAND) ISBELL**—The first Cleland in the town of Charlotte, Chautauqua county, N. Y., to appear upon the records as a land owner was John Cleland, Jr., who, in March, 1813, bought lot 53, township 4, range 11, according to the survey of the Holland Company. This does not indicate the true date of the Cleland settlement in the town, however, as he had arrived there in March, 1810, and two of the Cleland brothers, Nathan and Oliver, came in the spring of 1811. Later, the entire family of John and Thankful (Eaton) Cleland came from Otsego county, in the southern central part of New York State, and settled on now section 12, town of Charlotte. This John Cleland, Jr., was a son of John and Thankful



(Eaton) Cleland, and a grandson of James Cleland, the American ancestor, who was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, and came to New England in 1750. John Cleland, Jr., was the father of Byron Cleland, and the grandfather of Susan M. Cleland, now Mrs. Henry Isbell, who with her husband resides on their farm in Charlotte, the town to which more than a century ago her ancestors came to join with the forces of civilization in wresting from the forest farms, homes, and communities. Clelands from the first bore well their part in this great work, and those representing the pioneers of a century ago bear equally well their part in twentieth century life.

(I) James (2) Cleland, the American ancestor, born in Edinburgh, Scotland, came to New England in 1750. He was the son of James (1) Cleland, a man of wealth and education in Edinburgh, and undoubtedly his son was given educational advantages in accordance with his father's position in the city. James (1) Cleland married a Miss Bruce, and at the time of the birth of their son James (2) they were residents of Edinburgh. After the coming of James (2) Cleland to this country in 1750, he located in Boston, Mass., and in that State passed the remainder of his life. He married Thankful Wilder, and they were the parents of seven children: Samuel, Thomas, James, a soldier of the Revolution; John, of further mention; Helen, Molly, and Hannah.

(II) John Cleland, son of James (2) and Thankful (Wilder) Cleland, was born in Massachusetts, Feb. 16, 1758, and lived in Plainfield, in that State; he was a soldier of the Revolution, serving two years, 1778-1780, in the company commanded by Captain Thomas, of Colonel Milk's regiment. During his service he was orderly to General Putnam and saw considerable active service. He married, in 1780, and in 1807, with his wife and family of eight children, moved to New York State, locating first in Otsego county. In the spring of 1811 two of his sons, Nathan and Oliver, made the long journey to Chautauqua county, where their brother John had preceded them in March, 1810, and being pleased with lands and conditions, made a favorable report, and in the fall of the same year John Cleland and his family found his sons in what is now the town of Charlotte. The long journey of 300 miles was made in wagons, eighteen days being consumed ere the destination was reached. The homestead farm which they selected was a tract of 300 acres on lot 54, section 12, east of present Charlotte Center, where, with the aid of stalwart sons, a clearing was soon made and eventually the entire tract was brought under cultivation. The first settlement was made in Charlotte in 1809, and in March of the next year John Cleland, Jr., was on the ground, the forerunner of his family who came the next year—thus the claim, to be pioneers of the town, is fully substantiated.

John Cleland married, in East Windsor, Conn., April 27, 1780, Thankful Eaton, of an old Connecticut family, born April 12, 1757, died at the homestead in Charlotte, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Jan. 10, 1844, aged eighty-seven years. John Cleland died Feb. 16, 1827, aged sixty-nine years, and both were buried in the Pickett Cemetery, a plot of ground given to the neighborhood by John Pickett, off the original Pickett farm. Children of John and Thankful (Eaton) Cleland: Beriah, born

Nov. 15, 1781; Edna, born June 28, 1782; Samuel, born Sept. 1, 1784, died in infancy; James, born Sept. 26, 1786, died in infancy; Samuel (2), born May 14, 1788; Thankful, born April 22, 1790; John and James (2) (twins), born Feb. 19, 1792; Oliver, born Oct. 25, 1793; Nathan, born March 5, 1795; Martin, born April 10, 1797.

(III) John (2) Cleland, son of John (1) and Thankful (Eaton) Cleland, was born in Plainfield, Mass., Feb. 19, 1792, died in Charlotte, Chautauqua county, N. Y., and was buried in Pickett Cemetery. He was brought to New York State by his parents in 1807, remaining with them in their sojourn in Herkimer and Otsego counties, until the spring of 1810, when he made the long journey through the scarcely settled country to Chautauqua county, finally settling in what is now Charlotte. He took up a tract of 120 acres on lot 54, and in the records is given as a purchaser of lot 53, township 4, range 11, of the Holland Land Company's survey, in 1813; when the remainder of the family came in 1811, they too, settled in Charlotte, making a very important addition to the male population of the town. John (2) Cleland continued active in farm life until incapacitated by the weight of the years which he carried. The Cleland brothers, Samuel, John, Oliver, and Nathan, were men of great strength and endurance and also were men of strong character and upright life. All lived to be very old men, and at the time of publishing Young's "History of Chautauqua County," 1875, their ages were thus given: Samuel, eighty-seven; John, eighty-three; Oliver, eighty-one; Nathan, the youngest of the four, lived to be ninety-two. The line of Nathan Cleland is traced in this work in reviews of the lives of Dr. Charles S. Cleland, and of his brother, Owen M. Cleland.

John (2) Cleland married, April 12, 1812, Hannah Pickett, born Feb. 13, 1795, died Feb. 9, 1873, and was buried in Pickett Cemetery. She was of the Pickett family of Charlotte, the first settler in the town being John Pickett, who built the first log house in the town, and with his brother, Daniel Pickett, and Arva O. Austin, were the only families who passed the winter of 1809-10 in the town. John Pickett is credited with being third on the list of purchasers of land from the Holland Land Company, his purchase being made in 1809, township 4, range 11, lot 62. He was unmarried at the time, but his brother Daniel came with his family in the fall of 1809, and settled upon lot 63. He was a brother-in-law of Arva Taylor, who also built a log cabin on lot 63, these early settlers all being related. John Cleland soon becoming one of the family, his wife, Hannah, a daughter of Daniel Pickett. The Picketts were from Columbia county, N. Y., later residents of Chenango, whence they came to Chautauqua. John and Hannah (Pickett) Cleland were the parents of: Darius, born July 28, 1813; Augustus, born May 22, 1816; Emily, born Aug. 9, 1818; Marilla, born Nov. 28, 1820; John Wilder, born April 16, 1823; Hannah, born May 18, 1825; Byron, of further mention.

(IV) Byron Cleland, youngest son of John (2) and Hannah (Pickett) Cleland, was born at the homestead in the town of Charlotte, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Oct. 27, 1830, died at his home in the village of Cassadaga, in the town of Stockton, April 9, 1916, an octo-

genarian. He attended the district schools near his home in Charlotte, also the old Fredonia Academy. He was very well educated for those years. He followed school teaching for a number of years, beginning at the age of sixteen; he taught several years in the South before the Civil War. After his marriage he returned to the old homestead to take care of his parents, which he did until their death, remaining on the farm as long as he could work a farm, then moved to Cassadaga, on a small farm, and there spent the remaining years of his long and useful life. He was a farmer all his life. He died at the age of eighty-six, and was buried in Cassadaga Cemetery, beside his first wife and two sons.

Byron Cleland married (first) Sept. 22, 1856, Lucinda E. Hill, of Cherry Creek, Chautauqua county, N. Y., who died Aug. 22, 1894, and is buried in Cassadaga Cemetery. They were the parents of: 1. Jennie V., born Feb. 14, 1858, died Aug. 14, 1890; she married, Oct. 31, 1880, Edgar Collor, of Lowell, Mich. 2-3-4. John, James, and Jason (triplets), born June 26, 1861, the last-named dying in infancy; John and James grew to manhood and both died Jan. 28, 1883. 5. Susan M., of further mention. Byron Cleland married (second) Mrs. Lucy Gree.

(V) Susan M. Cleland, youngest daughter of Byron Cleland and his first wife, Lucinda E. (Hill) Cleland, was born at the home of her parents in Charlotte, Chautauqua county, N. Y., June 25, 1865. She was educated in the public schools and followed teaching for a number of years before her marriage, Dec. 1, 1886, to Erie P. Pickett, a farmer of Charlotte, who died Jan. 24, 1906, leaving two children: Fern, wife of Walter Lamkin, of Fredonia, N. Y.; Ralph Alanson, a farmer of the town of Stockton; he married Myrtle Bussing. Mrs. Susan M. (Cleland) Pickett married (second) Henry Isbell, born Oct. 22, 1860, in Pittsburgh, Pa., a son of Richard and Ansty (McCarthy) Isbell, his father born in England, died in Cattaraugus county, N. Y. He received his early education in the public schools of Pittsburgh, and after leaving school entered the employ of the Buffalo Southwestern Railroad, continuing until 1907, becoming a foreman of construction. In 1907, Mr. Isbell gave up his work with the railroad and came to Charlotte, where he purchased a farm of forty acres, which he cultivates and causes to produce abundantly. Mr. Isbell married (first) Anna Densen, who died at Cherry Creek, N. Y., leaving two children: Jennie, who married Bey Fox, a farmer; and Nellie, who married Walter B. Hall.

Mrs. Isbell is a member of the Baptist church and active in church work. Mr. Isbell is a Democrat in politics, a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of the Knights of the Maccabees.

**CHARLES MORRIS WAITE**—Since the organization of the Conewango Valley National Bank, Jan. 1, 1907, at Conewango Valley village, Mr. Waite has been its assistant cashier and cashier successively. Conewango Valley village lies on both sides of the line between Chautauqua and Cattaraugus counties, the bank building being on the Cattaraugus side, Mr. Waite's home on the Chautauqua side. Mr. Waite is of New England ancestry, his father, Galusha Miner Waite, being of Vermont birth and parentage. Galusha

M. Waite, a lumberman and farmer, settled in the town of Poland, Chautauqua county, N. Y. He married Jane Bunce, who was born in Cattaraugus county, N. Y.

Charles M. Waite, son of Galusha M. and Jane (Bunce) Waite, was born in the town of Poland, Chautauqua county, N. Y., March 5, 1855. He was educated in public schools, and the Chamberlain Institute at Randolph, N. Y., and began his business career immediately after graduation. He taught school for one term, then accepted a position as clerk in the store of Aldrich & Pratt, at Kennedy. About three years later Mr. Pratt withdrew and Mr. Waite and Orlando Sweetland entered the firm with Mr. Aldrich, under the firm name of Aldrich, Sweetland & Waite. After a short time spent with this firm, Mr. Waite went into business for himself at Watts Flats, and later took a position as a salesman with B. F. Lounsberry. After a short period in the employ of Mr. Lounsberry, Mr. Waite entered the office of the Breed Furniture Company, of Jamestown, which position he left to enter the employ of the Chautauqua County National Bank as teller, where he remained for eight years. He then became associated with C. F. Munson, of Jamestown, a manufacturer of wooden mantles, then, in partnership with H. A. Doring and M. E. Town, began the manufacture of mattresses. Two years later he returned to the bank, which in the meantime had become a trust company, and later reorganized and known as the National Chautauqua County Bank, its present name. Here he remained for eight years, when, his health failing, he assumed charge of the farm of Charles M. Dow, in Randolph. About eighteen months later, in January, 1907, Mr. Waite accepted a position as assistant cashier with the Conewango Valley National Bank, which was then being reorganized. Upon the death of Horace Wells, cashier, Mr. Waite succeeded to that position, which position he now holds.

Mr. Waite married, Oct. 8, 1876, in Kennedy, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Carrie Aldrich, daughter of George A. and Huldah S. (Eaton) Aldrich. Mrs. Waite died in January, 1907, leaving two sons: George Burton, born in 1878, who married Elizabeth Bentley, and they reside in Jamestown, and have one child, a daughter, Carrie; and James Aldrich, born in 1880, who married Josephine Colenso, and they reside in Jamestown, and are the parents of two children, Alice and Robert.

**GLENN D. CLARK**—Among the successful and respected citizens of Ellicott township, Jamestown, Chautauqua county, N. Y., should be mentioned Glenn D. Clark, a member of one of the old families of the neighborhood, and a son of Cary and Laura H. (Cole) Clark, lifelong residents of the place. Cary Clark was apprenticed to a local shoemaker to learn the trade when but twelve years of age, and after five years of training engaged in the same line of business on his own account, following the same for many years.

Glenn D. Clark was born Feb. 7, 1881, at Jamestown, and as a boy attended the public schools of the city. For a number of years Mr. Clark has been engaged in the plastering and brick laying business. He is well and favorably known to his fellow-citizens and enjoys an enviable reputation among them for his honesty and for the accommodating spirit and skill with which he





Charles M. Waite



discharges his duties, and his public-spirited interest in the community. He is a Republican in politics, and takes a keen and intelligent interest in the vital questions and issues of the times. He is a member of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, and in religious belief is a Methodist, he and the members of his family attending the church of that denomination at Jamestown.

Glenn D. Clark married, Sept. 28, 1902, at Bemus Point, N. Y., Gladys Gates, born at Fluvanna, N. Y., Nov. 28, 1883, a daughter of Albert C. and Corinnie (Brown) Gates, of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Clark are the parents of two children: Cecil G., born Aug. 9, 1903, at Jamestown, N. Y.; and Lester F., born May 16, 1905, at Fluvanna.

**HENRY C. DRAKE**—Among the representative citizens of Fredonia must be numbered Henry C. Drake. During his residence in this town he has become closely and influentially identified with her leading interests, and no movement looking toward better things for Fredonia is without his generous support.

Henry C. Drake was born in Mayville, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Sept. 26, 1873, the son of the late Dexter M. and Helen (Kirk) Drake; the Drake family being Stockton pioneers, and the Kirk family settling in the town of Charlotte about the year 1816. His youth was spent in Sinclairville, where he attended the public school, and he later was graduated from Jamestown Business College. The five years following he was a reporter on the Jamestown "Journal," subsequently returning to Sinclairville, where he conducted the "Leader-Commercial" for three years, going thence to Fredonia to work on the "Censor." At this time he returned to his chosen profession of shorthand reporting, and was appointed court stenographer for Chautauqua county in 1905, which position he still holds (1921). Mr. Drake has always extended his aid and cooperation to any cause or movement which in his judgment makes for progress in any department of the town's and county's life. He is not self-seeking or ambitious for political honors, but he was thrice elected unopposed to the position of president of the village of Fredonia. He was a member of the school board for two terms. He also is justice of the peace of the town of Pomfret, having been elected to that office in 1902. During the World War he was chief clerk on the Draft Board No. 1, of Chautauqua county. He is a past master of Forest Lodge, No. 166, Free and Accepted Masons.

Mr. Drake married, Oct. 14, 1896, Ada F. Tate, of Fredonia, N. Y.

**EDWIN R. HOPKINS, M. D.**—Among the prominent men of Chautauqua county who have been identified with the medical profession for a great number of years is Dr. Edwin R. Hopkins, who has accomplished results which rebound greatly to his credit. He is one of those scholarly physicians whose deep research into the fields of medicine has peculiarly fitted him for the practice of his chosen career. That tribute of respect and admiration which is justly given to those men who have worked their way to positions of prominence

in the community is due him, and his ability is amply attested by the success he has achieved.

Ezra Hopkins, father of Dr. Edwin R. Hopkins, was a farmer late in life. He married Catherine Johnson, and they were the parents of nine children: Edwin R., mentioned below; Emily E., Franklin E., Josephine L., Alfred, Byron J., Ida M., wife of ——— Wolcate, of Sherman; Grant S., and Katherine M.

Dr. Edwin R. Hopkins was born May 21, 1848, in Westfield, N. Y., the son of Ezra and Catherine (Johnson) Hopkins. He attended the public schools in Westfield and Westfield Academy. Choosing the medical profession, he entered the medical department of the University of Buffalo, and was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine, class of 1877. After serving an internship at the Buffalo General Hospital, he was appointed resident physician there for one year, and then came to Silver Creek, where he opened an office and has since been actively engaged in his profession here, devoting much of his time to surgery and general practice. Dr. Hopkins stands high in his profession in Chautauqua county, and his counsel in surgical and important medical matters is sought and his influence is always exerted for good. When he operates it is for the benefit of the patient, it is not for his gratification nor for the fee. He has always had an instinctive love for his work, the good he could do his fellowmen, and he has never swerved from duty.

Professionally, Dr. Hopkins is a member of the Chautauqua County Medical Society, and fraternally, he affiliates with the Free and Accepted Masons. It is with the Republicans that he casts his vote, and no man has more at heart the welfare and true progress of the community. For a number of years Dr. Hopkins has been a constant, faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and his activities and interest in good work knows no bounds.

**REV. EDMUND J. O'CONNOR, S. T. B.**—Father O'Connor came to Silver Creek as pastor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church in 1912, being appointed by Bishop Colton, and has won his way to the hearts of his people, and to the esteem of those who are familiar with the man and his work.

Rev. Edmund J. O'Connor was born near Guelph, Ontario, Canada, there spending his youth and acquiring his early education in Guelph schools. He later entered St. Mary's College, at Montreal, Canada, and also was a student at Holy Cross College, Worcester, Mass. He next entered Canisius College, Buffalo, N. Y., whence he was graduated in philosophy and science courses in 1902, receiving the degree B. A. The succeeding five years were spent in divinity study at North American Theological College in Rome, Italy, there being awarded the baccalaureate degree of Sacred Theology, and ordained to the priesthood of the Roman Catholic church by Cardinal Respighi, in the Roman Basilica of St. John Lateran, May 25, 1907.

After ordination he returned to the United States, locating in Buffalo, N. Y., where he was assigned by Bishop Colton to the Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament, Delaware avenue (the present site of the new St. Joseph's Cathedral), as assistant to Rev. James F. Mc-

Gloin. After five years of faithful service there, he was appointed, May 5, 1912, by Bishop Colton, to the pastorate of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, at Silver Creek, Chautauqua county, N. Y., because of his especial fitness to the post, a parish whose congregation had been largely increased by the settlement in the community of a large number of Sicilians.

**SIMON JOSEPH KARIN**—Among the prominent attorneys of Dunkirk, Chautauqua county, N. Y., where he has an office in the Lake Shore National Bank building, should be mentioned Simon Joseph Karin, a native of the city of Buffalo, born Aug. 25, 1877, a son of Michael and Ann (Culligan) Karin. The elder Mr. Karin is a native of County Claire, Ireland, and his wife of Manchester, England. They both came to this country when young people and were married at Dunkirk, where Mrs. Karin's people were residing. Shortly after their marriage they went to Buffalo, where they resided a number of years, and later they removed to Dunkirk, where they are now residing. Mr. and Mrs. Karin are well known here and are members of the Roman Catholic church, and politically strong Democrats.

Simon Joseph Karin came from his native city of Buffalo to Dunkirk with his parents when about six years of age, but attended the public schools of the former city for a time. Afterwards he was a student of St. Mary's Parochial School in Dunkirk, and after leaving this school at the age of thirteen entered the employ of the Brooks Locomotive Works in Dunkirk as an office boy. He remained with the Brooks Company for fifteen years and was promoted from time to time to various positions in their office until he became head of the time department. He resigned this position in 1905, and then entered the retail shoe business, remaining for several months. He then studied in the Fredonia Normal School in order to fit himself for the career of a lawyer. Subsequently he entered the office of Thomas J. Cummings, a well known attorney of Dunkirk, for the purpose of reading law, and later matriculated in the law school of the University of Buffalo, graduating therefrom in the class of 1910 with the degree of LL. B. He was admitted to the bar at the September term in 1910 of the Supreme Court in Rochester, N. Y., and shortly afterwards opened an office in Dunkirk for the general practice of law and has continued in this to the present. Mr. Karin is attorney for the Dunkirk Savings & Loan Association in addition to his private practice, is active in the public life of Dunkirk, and is undoubtedly one of the leading Democrats in this region. He has held a number of important local offices and was secretary of the County and City Democratic committees for a number of years. He was also acting Municipal Court judge of Dunkirk for a time, but resigned from this office in 1915 to accept a recess appointment as postmaster of Dunkirk, which was tendered to him April 23, 1915. He was reappointed to this office for a full term of four years, Dec. 17, 1915, and on March 3, 1920, again received another appointment for four more years. He has rendered valuable service to the community and done much to develop the efficiency of his department. He was at one time deputy state superintendent of elec-

tions. He is a member of the Dunkirk Chamber of Commerce, and in social and fraternal circles is affiliated with a number of important organizations, including the local lodges of the Order of Maccabees, Ancient Order of Hibernians, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Knights of Columbus, of which he is a past grand knight. In religious belief, Mr. Karin is a Roman Catholic and attends St. Mary's Church at Dunkirk.

Mr. Karin was united in marriage, Nov. 27, 1913, at Buffalo, N. Y., with Louise A. Lennertz, a native of Dunkirk, daughter of John and Clara (Fellinger) Lennertz. Her parents are natives of Germany and came to this country in early youth, being married at Dunkirk. Mr. and Mrs. Karin are the parents of five children, as follows: Anna Louise, Mary Paula, Agnes, died in infancy; Roger Paul, and Barbara Jane.

**GUST C. PETERSON**, who since the establishment of the Level Furniture Company, Jamestown, has had charge of its plants, and prior to that had like responsibility in the plants of other Jamestown furniture manufacturers, is a native of that city and has advanced from humble circumstances to a position of importance among the furniture manufacturers of that busy center of the trade. The Level Furniture Company affords employment for many Jamestown residents, and the success it has experienced has in great measure been due to the technical and administrative ability of Mr. Peterson. And that his lifelong record, and his mode of living in general, have brought him the respect of his fellow-citizens is manifest in the public office he holds, that of alderman, and especially in the fact that he has been elected to the office four times.

Gust C. Peterson was born in Jamestown, Nov. 27, 1874, the son of Charles G. and Matilda Peterson. The Peterson family is of Swedish origin, and Charles G. Peterson, father of Gust C., was born in that country, although he lived the greater part of his life in Jamestown, where, like his son and so many others of his countrymen, he was connected with the furniture manufacturing industry of the place. In his earlier years of residence in Jamestown, his labor did not bring a very substantial return, and his son, Gust C., sought to help the family by commencing to work at an unusually early age. In fact, the three years of his boyhood from nine to twelve, when most boys spend their time in play and school, Gust C. spent in steady work, as a mill hand, at the Jamestown Worsted Mills, and the Broadhead Mills. He had attended the grammar school for the first few grades, and was eventually compelled, by law, to return to school, and pursue his studies until he had reached the age of fourteen years. He then again began to work, finding employment for eighteen months in Newman's Spring Bed Factory, after which he found more lucrative work, as a machine hand, in the furniture factory of Breed & Johnson, with which firm he remained until the factory was closed down. Soon after that happening he became an employee of the Fenton Roberts Sideboard Company, at Falconer, near Jamestown, and held connection with that company until its finances became involved during the national panic of 1894, when so many manufacturers were forced to suspend operations, and many ultimately passed through





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the courts in bankruptcy. The Fenton Roberts Company was one of these, and conditions in Jamestown generally were so unsettled that for eighteen months Gust C. Peterson could not find steady employment. Afterwards, however, for three years he was with the reconstructed Breed & Johnson Company, later known as the Eckman Company, and during the last year of his service to them held the responsible position of manager in the shops. He was a skilled workman, and later was with the Maddox Table Company, making samples. Subsequently, until 1904, he had part in the management of the Baily Jones Company. In 1904, he joined others in the organization and establishment of the Level Furniture Company, and of the new corporation he was appointed general manager and director. He has held that capacity ever since, and has seen the company's operations develop almost tenfold during the fifteen years from its establishment to the present, until the Level Furniture Company has become a manufacturing industry of appreciable consequence to the city.

Having regard to the educational handicaps in his young days, the business success of Gust C. Peterson is noteworthy. Of course, knowledge cannot come without study, and where a man rises superior to early handicaps and unfortunate limitations, it invariably has come only by resolute application in later life to studies which should have formed part of the academic curriculum of his early years. It was so with Mr. Peterson. Although he had to work steadily during his youth, he later took advantage of the excellent night schools of Jamestown, and also studied much at home. Naturally an observant man, of alert mind, and of studious inclination, he quickly acquired much of the fundamental knowledge he had been denied during his earlier years. He was particularly apt in technical matters. Without tuition, he learned to read drawings and in that way became sufficiently proficient to be able to do his own designing. When the first plant of the Level Furniture Company was established, Mr. Peterson drew the plans, superintended the building, and placed the machinery. He is an omnivorous reader, and has a comprehensive knowledge of many subjects that are in no way connected with his business. Politically, Mr. Peterson is a Socialist, and has taken some part in political activities. Particularly in local affairs is Mr. Peterson interested. He is serving in his fourth term as alderman of the Fourth Ward, and he is actively associated with the local lodges of the Eagles and Odd Fellows fraternal organizations.

In May, 1897, Mr. Peterson was married, in Jamestown, to Hilda Bergman, of a well known Jamestown family. They are the parents of four children, three of whom are living, namely: Clayton, who is shipping clerk in the plant of the Level Furniture Company; Viola, who now attends the Jamestown Business College, and eventually will enter upon a business career; Grace, who attends the grammar school.

**THE LEVEL FURNITURE COMPANY** was established in 1904, the original intention being to confine their operations to the manufacture of library and parlor tables, but many commodities in wood have since

been turned out by the company, and the manufacture of tables was eventually discontinued altogether.

The plant was first established on Allen street, and the first samples made in the old Martin building. The incorporators were: William Bjurte, president; F. O. Ruckman, secretary and treasurer; J. M. Anderson, A. Carlson, O. Bloomquist, G. V. Olson, E. Jones, directors; with G. C. Peterson, manager. Mr. Peterson is still general manager of the company, and the present corporation officers are: John M. Anderson, president; Elmer P. Jones, vice-president; and J. A. Bloomquist, secretary and treasurer. The development of the company has been appreciable since 1904; it then gave employment to about thirty men; today it employs 275. At the outset, it had factory floor space of 10,000 square feet, and had not use for the whole of it; today it occupies 75,000 square feet, and at times the space becomes congested. Phonograph cabinets, for the Edison Phonograph Machine Company, are now the main product of the plant. Many phonograph companies purchase cabinets from the Level Furniture Company, but the bulk of its output goes to the Edison Company. The plant is well equipped with wood working machines, and its product is of a high grade. The power originally was steam, but now the plant is supplied with 175 horsepower in steam and 75 horsepower in electricity. The development of the industry is commendable and must be gratifying to the men who have had a part in its affairs since its inception. It is a plant of appreciable consequence to the city of Jamestown.

**CONRAD W. GREEN**, president of the Brocton Fruit Products Company, of Brocton, N. Y., and one of the most widely known preservers and manufacturers of fruits, vegetables and juices, of Chautauqua county, is a native of Germany, born March 4, 1878, a son of Conrad and Florina (Ora) Green, lifelong residents of that country.

The childhood of Conrad W. Green was spent in his native land until he had reached the age of fifteen years, during which period he attended the local schools and gained the elementary portion of his education. He then came to the United States and attended for a time the Kelley School near Sandusky, Ohio. Afterwards he secured employment in the vineyards of Western New York, but being of a very ambitious character, he continued his studies at night school and later worked his way through a business college. After this he returned to his native land and took an extensive course in fruit and vegetable preserving in a well known school in Berlin. Here he acquired the knowledge and science of the art of preserving which helped him in later years to become the head of the large industry under the name of the Brocton Fruit Products Company. After completing his course abroad he returned to America and settled at Portland, Chautauqua county, N. Y., in 1903, and secured a position with the Brocton Fruit Products Company as superintendent of the plant. After a short time in the employ of this concern, during which he rendered himself of great service to his employers, he was admitted into partnership in association with Messrs. R. A. Hall, Ernest Buckner and Robert N.

Martin. Mr. Hall and Mr. Buckner were president and vice-president, respectively, of the State Bank of Brocton. They operated the plant and business until the year 1911, meeting with notable success, and then incorporated the concern with Mr. Green as president and general manager, R. A. Gregory, vice-president, and R. A. Hall, secretary and treasurer. When Mr. Green first became associated with the business it was a small one, but under his skillful and far-seeing management it rapidly grew until it reached its present great proportions. Several large additions have been made to the original plant, which is now one of the largest of its kind in the country, the property now amounting to ten acres. Three additions are now in process of construction, which will bring the floor space to 200,000 square feet. They have a large market for their products throughout the United States, as well as exporting them to all parts of the world. In addition to his industrial activities, Mr. Green is also largely engaged in the growth of grapes, and is the owner of three extensive vineyards, totaling 200 acres, where he raises large quantities of the fruit that is used in his manufacturing plant.

On Dec. 15, 1920, Mr. Green purchased the well known business formerly conducted under the name of Harvard-Naboth Vineyards, Inc., of Brocton, N. Y. This business was organized in 1903 and had a very rapid growth, and its trade names, Harvard and Naboth, are known throughout the United States. In order to keep pace with the growing demand for his products, he acquired the Harvard-Naboth interests, which has materially aided in the industrial growth of Brocton, the increase of agricultural interest through its farming district and the expanding of the company's own business. The products of this well known concern are cider, grape juice, vinegars, fruit syrups, tomatoes, catsup, chili sauce, jellies and jams.

Mr. Green is one of the founders of the Brocton Building and Loan Association, of which he is a director, and also a founder and director of the Dunkirk Trust Company, and a director of the State Bank at Brocton. It was he who donated the land for the uses of the Paul De Laney Company, a sketch of which appears elsewhere in this work. He is the owner of a number of tenement houses in Brocton, and is a very public-spirited citizen. He is a member of Brocton Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Knights of Pythias; a Republican in politics, and a member of the Lutheran church. His plant has often been made use of by the Agricultural Department of the United States for the conduct of experiments in connection with the production of fruit juices.

Mr. Green married, July 21, 1904, Charlotte I. Dolberg, of Brocton, a daughter of Peter and Lottie Dolberg, old and highly respected residents here. Mr. and Mrs. Conrad W. Green are the parents of seven children, as follows: Millicent, who is a student in Miss Marot's School, at Thompson, Conn.; Howard, Evelyn, Leonard, Nona, Isabella, and De Forest, all now attending the grammar schools of Brocton.

Although a native of Germany, Mr. Green has, during his long residence here, become wholly in sympathy with American institutions and ideals. He was especially active in war work during the great struggle, and

assisted greatly with the various drives of the Liberty Loans, Red Cross, and all others in the effort to aid his adopted country.

**JOHN GILBERT WICKS**, who has been for many years one of the leaders of the bar in Western New York, and among the prominent and influential citizens of Jamestown, Chautauqua county, N. Y., is a member of a family that has been prominent in this region for many years. He is a son of Walter D. and Wealthy (Clark) Wicks, old and highly respected residents of the town of Carroll, N. Y., where the former was engaged for many years in agricultural pursuits, and was prominent in social and political circles in his day. He served as county superintendent of schools, and was the incumbent of other offices. During the Civil War period, he was active in encouraging recruiting, and many volunteered, and it was largely due to his instrumentality that the draft law was never applied to Carroll.

John Gilbert Wicks was born Jan. 10, 1853, in the town of Carroll, now Kiantone, N. Y. He received his education at the Union School of Jamestown. While still a mere youth, he determined upon the law as a profession, and upon completing his studies entered the law office of Cook & Lockwood, well known attorneys of that day. Later he entered the law department of Union College and was graduated from that institution with the class of 1876, receiving his degree of LL. B. In August, 1876, he began the practice of his profession in Jamestown. In 1883, he formed a partnership with J. Delevan Curtis, which was continued until Aug. 1892, and since then he has practiced in partnership with Warner S. Rexford, as Wicks & Rexford. In 1877, he was appointed attorney for the City National Bank and has since been connected with that institution. During his professional career, Mr. Wicks has made for himself an almost unique position among the attorneys of this region, is honored alike by his professional colleagues and by the community-at-large, and has handled a large proportion of the important litigation of the county. Mr. Wicks served as a member of the City Council for six years; a city attorney for four years, during which time he was connected with numerous public improvements; as county attorney, handling the duties of that office in a most efficient manner; and at the time of the redrafting of the city charter, Mr. Wicks was placed in charge, and he wrote article 7 allowing the city to acquire public utilities. He has also served as consulting attorney in corporation matters in many prominent cases. He sold city bonds, and collected other moneys for city improvement without ever being placed under bonds. Mr. Wicks is prominent in social and fraternal affairs in Jamestown, and is a member and past chancellor of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias; a member and past district deputy of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and a member of the Loyal Order of Moose and the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Mr. Wicks was united in marriage with Emma L. Russell, a daughter of John R. and Hannah (Roy) Russell, and they are the parents of one child, Ethel, who became the wife of Edward Curtis, to whom she has borne one son, Louis R. Curtis.



**CHARLES MELVIN NICHOLS**, who has been for many years one of the prominent figures in the industrial life of Jamestown, Chautauqua county, N. Y., is a member of one of the old and distinguished families of this region, which was founded in America early in the Colonial period.

(I) The name Nichols is an old one in England, where the ancestors of Mr. Nichols resided prior to their coming to this country, and it has since gained a wide distribution in the new world. The founder of that branch of the family with which we are here concerned was one Thomas Nichols, who was born in England, and came to the New England colonies before 1655. He was doubtless a relative of the Thomas Nichols who was a planter in the adjoining town of Cambridge before 1638, and who then removed to Hingham. Thomas Nichols of this account was married at Malden, Mass., in 1655, and appears to have been one of a number of sons, as he left a brother, George Nichols, in England, who was the executor of the estate of their father, Walter Nichols, a clothier of Coggeshall, in the County of Essex, England, while James Nichols, probably another brother, was also at Malden, where he married in April, 1660. Thomas Nichols removed as early as 1665 to Amesbury and had a seat in the Meeting House there, in 1667. He was also a member of the Train Band in 1680, and his death occurred there sometime prior to 1720. His wife, whom he married at Malden, September, 1655, was Mary Moulton, and they were the parents of the following children: Thomas and Josiah, twins, who died in infancy; Ebenezer (a daughter), who became the wife of Benoni Tucker; Thomas, mentioned below; Samuel; Rachel; John, who married Abigail Sargent; Sarah, who became the wife of Roger Stephens.

(II) Thomas (2) Nichols, son of Thomas (1) and Mary (Moulton) Nichols, was born Oct. 16, 1670, at Amesbury, Mass. Not a great deal is known concerning his life, but he was a member of the Society of Friends. He married (first) Jane Jamison, born Feb. 23, 1673-74, a daughter of John and Esther (Martin) Jamison. He married (second) April 30, 1731, Judith Hoages, of Newbury. His children by his first wife were as follows: Anna, who became the wife of Samuel Colby; Jonathan; Mary, who became the wife of Ralph Blaisdell; Esther, who became the wife of Ichabod Colby; Thomas; David, mentioned below; Rachel and Stephen. His children by his second wife were Ebenezer and Benjamin.

(III) David Nichols, son of Thomas (2) and Jane (Jamison) Nichols, was born Oct. 26, 1709, at Amesbury, Mass., and was lost at sea in 1756. He resided at Salem, where he married, in 1739, Hannah Gaskill, born Aug. 16, 1709, died June 30, 1793, a daughter of Samuel and Bethiah (Gardner) Gaskill.

(IV) A break occurs here in the direct line of descent of the Nichols family and it cannot be stated with certainty which of the sons of David and Hannah Nichols should appear in this place. It is, however, a matter of practical certainty that David Nichols of New York was a grandson of the David Nichols of the third generation.

(V) David (2) Nichols, grandson of David (1) and Hannah (Gaskill) Nichols, was born about 1775, in

Claverack, Columbia county, N. Y. He later settled in Jefferson county, at Cape Vincent, where his death occurred in 1830. He served during the War of 1812 in the American Army, and was a farmer by occupation, being honored for his thrift and energy. He married Jerusha Spinning, and they were the parents of the following children: Elijah; Andrew, mentioned below; Lucretia, George, Demmick and Julianna.

(VI) Andrew Nichols, son of David (2) and Jerusha (Spinning) Nichols, was born April 2, 1806, in Oneida county, N. Y., and died in Kennedy, Chautauqua county, May 13, 1891. He was a farmer by occupation, owned a large and valuable property, and also was active in lumbering on the St. Lawrence river. It was about 1870 that he sold his interests in Northern New York and came to Chautauqua county, where he purchased a small farm not far from the village of Kennedy. He was a member of the local School Board and was keenly interested in the cause of education, also took a prominent part in the religious life of the community. A Democrat during his entire life, Mr. Nichols was nevertheless sufficiently independent to vote for Abraham Lincoln on the occasion of his second campaign. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and enjoyed the esteem and affection of the community. He married, in 1830, Cordelia Holcomb, a native of Essex county, N. Y., born March 22, 1811, died Oct. 21, 1900, aged eighty-nine years, a daughter of Sullivan Holcomb, of Guilford, Conn., who was an officer in the War of 1812. The children of Andrew and Cordelia Nichols were as follows: 1. Maria, born 1831, died 1887; became the wife of Harvey S. Elkins. 2. Benjamin, mentioned below. 3. Seth Lee, born July 2, 1837, a veteran of the Civil War, and now engaged in business as a farmer and stock dealer in Minnesota. 4. Ira C., born March 16, 1840, at Clayton, N. Y., died in 1908; served as a lieutenant in the 13th Regiment, United States Colored Troops, during the Civil War; he later engaged in the lumber business at Kennedy, N. Y.; married, July, 1867, Selina Abbey, who bore him five children, as follows: E. Ross, Lynn, Leigh, Mary and Edna. 5. Jane, who became the wife of Edward Carr, of Randolph, N. Y. 6. Andrew (2), who became a stockman and farmer in Minnesota, and now makes his home near Tacoma, Wash.; he married Harriett Walker, deceased, who bore him one son, Kenneth. 7. Mary, who became the wife of William Cole, superintendent of the Chautauqua Lake Assembly Grounds, where they reside. 8. Isaac C., who is now a mine owner at Ashland, Wis., and resides at Tacoma, Wash.

(VII) Benjamin Nichols, son of Andrew and Cordelia (Holcomb) Nichols, was born Jan. 1, 1835, at Clayton, Jefferson county, N. Y., and was educated in the local public schools. As a lad he assisted his father with the work on the latter's farm during the time that he was a student, and when about seventeen years of age came to Chautauqua county, where he entered the Jamestown Academy, from which he graduated in 1852. He then learned the trade of millwright in the employ of Barnett Stillwell, and after two years with Carlisle Patterson and John Phetelace, in the same line, engaged in business for himself as a millwright. He was exceedingly successful in his enterprise, and erected a number of important mills in this region

and equipped them with machinery, including flour mills at Kennedy, N. Y.; Union City, Meadville and Conneautville, Pa., as well as many other places. He made his home in Kennedy, N. Y., until 1884, and was engaged there in association with W. T. Falcouer, Sr., and his brother, I. C. Nichols, in the lumber business. In 1883, he retired from business as a millwright and devoted his attention entirely to his extensive lumber interests. During the Civil War he was engaged with Daniel Griswold and Harvey S. Elkins in the building of flat boats which they loaded with provisions and farm produce for the use of the Union Army and floated them down the Allegheny and Ohio rivers, to where the forces were encamped. In 1883, Mr. Nichols formed a partnership with William Babcock, with whom he operated a foundry and machine shop. They purchased at first the Jamestown Iron Works, which they fitted up for their purposes, and later, in 1888, Mr. Nichols purchased Mr. Babcock's interest and admitted his son, Charles Melvin Nichols, as a partner. In 1884, he removed from Kennedy to Jamestown, where he built a handsome residence in which he continued to live until his death, Sept. 6, 1912. Eight years before the close of his life, he retired from active business to enjoy the leisure which he had so well earned through his long and active career. In addition to his home at Jamestown, he also maintained a handsome summer residence at Point La-Ni-Ta on the St. Lawrence river, situated between Clayton and Cape Vincent. In politics, Mr. Nichols was a Republican and served for a time as alderman in Jamestown, performing valuable work for the community. In religion, he was a Methodist.

Benjamin Nichols married, Nov. 10, 1856, at Kennedy, N. Y., Jane M. Taylor, a native of Schroon Lake, Essex county, N. Y., born March 28, 1841, a daughter of Eli and Lucinda (Jencks) Taylor, old and highly respected residents of that place. Mrs. Nichols was twelve years of age when she accompanied her parents to Chautauqua county, and made her home in the town of Poland. She is a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal church and taught a Bible class in the Sunday school there for a number of years, as well as being a staunch supporter of the missionary activities of the church. Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Nichols were the parents of the following children: 1. Delia M., born Feb. 8, 1858, died Oct. 3, 1904; she was a woman of unusual character and a delightfully cheerful disposition which rendered her popular with all who knew her; she was also a talented musician, and for a number of years held the post of organist at the Kennedy Methodist Episcopal Church; she became the wife of Celestus L. Wilcox. 2. Melvin C., who died at the age of four years. 3. William S., who died in infancy. 4. Charles Melvin, mentioned below. 5. Myrtle L., born May 12, 1866, who became the wife, Nov. 20, 1901, of Charles E. Brown; Mrs. Brown is a talented musician, and a member of the Methodist church. 6. Maud C., born Dec. 20, 1867, died Nov. 26, 1887, when less than twenty years of age; she became the wife of Salem Parker, to whom she bore one daughter, Maud Alline, born Nov. 20, 1887, who became the wife of Paul Rosencrantz. 7. Pearl L., born Dec. 14, 1871; became the wife of Frank-

lin H. Oaks, to whom she bore the following children: Louis Benjamin, Jerald Z., Percy, Donald and Dudley.

(VIII) Charles Melvin Nichols, fourth child and third son of Benjamin and Jane M. (Taylor) Nichols, was born May 18, 1864, at Kennedy, Chautauqua county, N. Y. As a lad he attended the local public schools, where he received his education. Upon completing his studies he secured a position, in 1883, in the office of Nichols & Babcock, the firm at that time operating the Jamestown Iron Works as a foundry and machine shop, and of which his father was the head. When Benjamin Nichols purchased the interest of his partner in 1888, Charles Melvin Nichols was admitted as a member of the firm and gradually assumed a larger and larger share of its management. Finally, in 1904, the elder Mr. Nichols retired and the son became the entire owner of the enterprise. The concern was then reorganized as the Jamestown Iron Works, founders and machinists, with Mr. Nichols as superintendent and general manager, an office which he continues to hold at the present time. Associated with him are Mr. S. S. Taylor, who is the practical machinist of the company, and Emil Froding, the practical founder. The growth of the Jamestown Iron Works may be seen in the fact that in 1883 there were but thirteen people employed in the work here, including the owners, while at the present time there are forty-five exclusive of the officers. They do a very large general founding business, mostly in the immediate locality. The plant occupies a tract of land containing some 22,000 square feet and the floor space amounts to as much as 27,000. It is one of the pioneer enterprises of its kind in Jamestown and, although having operated under several different names, has continued, from the beginning to occupy the same location. It was organized shortly after the close of the Civil War, and at one time owned the rights in several important patents which, however, it has since sold or disposed of in other ways. Mr. Nichols also purchased and reorganized, in 1910, the Jamestown Garage Company on Cherry street, and is now the treasurer and secretary of that concern, which does the largest business of its kind in the city at the present time. Mr. Nichols has always interested himself actively in the general life of the community, and was for eleven years in the National Guard of New York, in which he enlisted Sept. 20, 1887, as a member of the 13th Separate Company. At the time of the outbreak of the Spanish-American War, he volunteered his services in the cause of his country, but poor health made it impossible for him to stand the hardships of camp life, and he was compelled to return after a few weeks. He is a prominent figure in the social and fraternal circles of the city and especially so in the Masonic order, in which he has attained the thirty-second degree in Free Masonry. He is a member of Mt. Moriah Lodge, No. 145, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Rising Sun Chapter, No. 57, Royal Arch Masons; ——— Council, Royal and Select Masters; ——— Commandery, Knights Templar; ——— Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and Buffalo Consistory, Sovereign Princes of the Royal Secret. He served for eleven years as a volunteer fireman in Jamestown, and was a member of



Eagle Hose Company, N. 2. In politics, he is a Republican, and in 1898 and 1899 represented the Third Ward as an alderman, proving himself a capable and disinterested public servant. In his religious belief he is a Methodist.

Charles Melvin Nichols was united in marriage, June 10, 1895, in Jamestown, with Sadie (Sara) Sweet, a native of Corry, Pa., born Aug. 27, 1871, a daughter of Samuel and Regina Frances (Huber) Sweet. To Mr. and Mrs. Nichols one child has been born, Charles Malcolm, June 25, 1906, in Jamestown. The family make their home at No. 108 Barrett street, and reside in the summer at Clement Park, on the shores of Lake Chautauqua.

**RICHARD HOUGHTON HEPPELL**, son of Richard William and Harriet Sarah (Houghton) Heppell, was born in Greenpoint, Long Island, N. Y., Sept. 7, 1869. He was educated in the public schools, and for many years has been a resident of the city of Dunkirk, N. Y., closely identified with its business and civic life. He was appointed city clerk in 1910-11-12-13 and again in 1920. He was president of the Municipal Civil Service Board in 1918-19; director of Dunkirk's war gardens during the World War; member of the Legal Advisory Board; member of the committee in charge of Liberty Loan and Allied "drives," and served on the examining board. In fact, Mr. Heppell was a most valuable aide in all war activities, giving freely of his time and ability to further his country's cause. In public office he has served his city well, and holds the respect of every man with whom he has business or official dealings.

An ardent sportsman, Mr. Heppell, as a member of the Northern Chautauqua Fish and Game Club, enjoys its privileges, but is always mindful of the game regulations and careful to observe the true rules of sport. In this connection it is proper to mention that Mr. Heppell was asked to prepare a chapter on Fish and Game Conservation for this history of Chautauqua county, the result being one of its most interesting features of the work. He is a member of the Merchants' Exchange and the Chamber of Commerce; director of the Dunkirk Masonic Association; director of the Dunkirk Savings and Loan Association; director and secretary of the East End Building Association, Inc.; secretary of the Marsden Building Company, Inc. Mr. Heppell's affiliations with the Masonic order are most honorable. He is a past master of Irondequoit Lodge, No. 301, Free and Accepted Masons; past district deputy grand master of Chautauqua District; a companion and past high priest of Dunkirk Chapter, No. 191, Royal Arch Masons; past thrice illustrious master of Dunkirk Council, No. 25, Royal and Select Masters; a sir knight and past eminent commander of Dunkirk Commandery, No. 40, Knights Templar; and a noble of Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. His club is the Dunkirk Masonic. He is a communicant of St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church.

**RUDOLPH W. SCHULZE**, well regarded citizen and manufacturer, of Jamestown, N. Y., founder of the Jamestown Fancy Furniture Company, which in the

manufacture of pedestals, furniture ornaments, and other wood working, finds employment for more than thirty men, is a master of his line, a wood carver of great skill, and a producer of furniture ornaments of the highest grade.

He was born Feb. 25, 1885, received a graded and high school education, and from the outset of his business career has been connected with the manufacture of furniture. For many years he worked in Michigan furniture factories, and became very proficient at his trade. He was a conscientious workman, always alert, and withal intelligent, so that it was not long before he possessed a thorough understanding of most of the machines used in wood working. His attention to the close study of the principles of his trade has stood him in good stead, for he is now, while a young man, directing a manufacturing business of not inconsiderable volume, and with very good indication of future expansion, the high grade of his factory's product being the surest indication of such future expansion. When Mr. Schulze first started in independent business, it was in partnership with a Mr. Van Stee, under the firm name of Schulze & Van Stee. This partnership was dissolved in 1913, and Mr. Schulze immediately organized the Jamestown Fancy Furniture Company, which he has developed until it now finds employment for a good number of skilled workmen, who have the advantage of the most modern machinery, housed in a modern factory building, 60x110, two stories in height, erected by Mr. Schulze. Mr. Schulze is an appreciative employer of labor, and by personal example is able to get quality as well as quantity out of his men. Mr. Schulze gives almost the whole of his time to his business. He is independent in politics, a Methodist by religious conviction, and fraternally belongs to the Knights of Pythias, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of the local unit of which organization he is one of the leaders. His business associations bring him into membership in the Manufacturers' Association, and the Furniture Manufacturers' Association.

On July 11, 1917, he was married, in Jamestown, to Edna Madden, of a well known family of that place.

**GEORGE WILLIAM KERR**, prosperous and respected farmer in Ripley township, Chautauqua county, N. Y., is the son of a patriot of worthy Civil War record, and has himself proved to be a stalwart, useful citizen, his actions being marked by a conscientious desire to help forward the betterment of his class, and by courageous advocacy of principles which he deems to be good for the community. For many years he has been an ardent prohibitionist, and has not hesitated to make known his views. And his interest in the plans of the Chautauqua County Farm Bureau for the betterment of agricultural conditions within the county drew him into participation in the work; he has been a committeeman of the bureau almost since its inception.

He was born in North East, Pa., May 9, 1865, the son of David Edgar and Elizabeth (Smith) Kerr. Soon after that event, the family removed to Michigan, where for five years his father, David Edgar Kerr, farmed a tract of comparatively wild land. After five years of such occupation, however, the family returned to Penn-

sylvania, and two years later came into New York State and Chautauqua county, the father acquiring a farm of sixty-eight acres in Ripley township. It was in the graded school of Ripley that the son, George W., obtained the bulk of his academic education, after which he took to agricultural occupations upon his father's farm, remaining near him almost until his death. His father was a veteran of the Civil War, having been a member of the famous Ninth New York Cavalry, Company I. While scouting with his unit, he was thrown from his horse and received injuries which, to some extent, affected his after life. He eventually became blind, about twelve months before his death, which occurred when he had reached his forty-ninth year.

George William Kerr has spent the main part of his life in the Ripley district; apart from the few years in Pennsylvania, and the five years in Michigan in early life, and a period of four years spent in the oil fields of Pennsylvania, after he had grown to manhood, he has lived all his life in Ripley. After working in the oil fields at Bradford, Pa., for four years, he returned to Ripley, and bought the David Woister farm of eighty-seven and one-half acres in Ripley township, and that has since been his home. It is a good farm, and since he took up its cultivation it has been very appreciably improved, and in its present condition yields a good return. It is devoted to fruit and general farming, and Mr. Kerr has introduced many modern methods of farming into his operations.

He has always taken a keen interest in agriculture, and for many years has been an active member of the local grange, and has been ready to coöperate in all movements that promise good for the agriculturists of the county. He is a member of the Dairymen's League, and undertook the duties of committeeman of the Chautauqua County Farm Bureau, when that organization came into being. During the recent war, he proved by his practice upon his own farm that he desired to coöperate with the purposes of the Farm Bureau, and of the Federal Department of Agriculture in preventing waste, and of bringing all possible acreage into cultivation. In that way, he had part in the great work accomplished by the American farmers during the period of stress, when upon the surplus foodstuffs depended in great measure the success of the Allies in the war. And he proved himself to be whole-heartedly patriotic by his contributions to the various funds promoted by the government and governmental agencies for the extraordinary purposes of the war.

He is a man of strong characteristics; has been an earnest church worker; and for very many years has been an active Prohibitionist. By religious conviction, he is a Baptist, member of the Baptist church of North East, Pa., which he has steadily and consistently supported. And in furtherance of Prohibition legislation, he was a factor of some consequence in his district, and whether the present war time prohibition legislation becomes a permanent measure or not, George William Kerr will always be a staunch and capable advocate of temperance.

George William and Josephine Kerr are the parents of two children: 1. Hubert Frederick, who was edu-

cated locally, and eventually became an auto mechanic; he is at present prospering at that trade in North Carolina. 2. John William, who went to Ripley schools, and eventually married Viola Craley; he is a candy manufacturer at Mayville, Chautauqua county.

George William Kerr has two sisters living: Mrs. Edna Shaw, at North East, Pa., and Mrs. Mary Baker, at Ripley, Chautauqua county, N. Y.

By his productive agricultural effort, by his work in connection with county organizations, and by his local interest, George William Kerr has taken good part in Chautauqua county life of the past few decades; and by his upright principle, adherence to a strict honorable code of life, and business dealing he has gained the respect of his neighbors and of the people in general in his community. It is by such characteristics that the county continues to advance, and by such stalwart characteristics that the county was first won from the wilderness.

**EDMOND BENTON OSGOOD**, a prominent business man of Brocton, Chautauqua county, N. Y., and a conspicuous figure in the general life of this place, is a native of Pennsylvania, his birth having occurred at the city of Bradford, in that State, March 26, 1863. He is a son of Edmond O. and Rowena C. (Colgrove) Osgood, old and highly respected residents of that city and is the tenth of the eleven children born to his parents.

Mr. Osgood was educated at the schools of Bradford until fourteen years of age, and at Angelica, N. Y., studying at the high school for a number of years at that place, and in 1882 (thirty-eight years ago) he and his father engaged in the furniture and undertaking business in Angelica, N. Y., where Edmond B. Osgood remained for about five years. In the spring of 1892, he removed to Brocton, where he has been thus occupied ever since. During his association with his father Mr. Osgood thoroughly learned his business, and is now well known throughout the region and largely patronized. Mr. Osgood has always been actively interested in town and county affairs, and on Jan. 25, 1904, was appointed, by Governor Benjamin B. Odell, coroner to fill a vacancy in that office left by his predecessor, Charles Kinney, resigned. Since that time Mr. Osgood has continuously occupied this office, having been elected to it at each subsequent campaign. He is a member of the local lodge, Knights of Pythias, and is chief ranger of the Order of Foresters. He is a Republican in politics, a Methodist in his religious belief and attends the Methodist Episcopal church at Brocton.

Edmond Benton Osgood was united in marriage, in February, 1892, at Angelica, N. Y., with Elizabeth Fox, daughter of James and Ann (Harrison) Fox, natives of England, but later residents of Angelica, N. Y., where their daughter Elizabeth was born, Jan. 1, 1863, and a sister of W. H. Fox, the present postmaster of Brocton, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Benton Osgood have one daughter, Montrose C., born March 18, 1893, wife of Julius Sherwood Dunham, of Brocton, N. Y., a sketch of whom follows; they are the parents of two children, Jane Helen and Betty Louise Dunham.





JULIUS A. DUNHAM



J. SHERWOOD DUNHAM



**JULIUS SHERWOOD DUNHAM**, who is recognized as one of the most capable and successful of the younger business men of Brocton, N. Y., and now the head of the firm of Julius A. Dunham & Son, is a native of the town of Pleasantville, Pa., born May 23, 1885, a son of Julius A. and Helen (Moss) Dunham, old and highly respected residents of Pleasantville and later Brocton, N. Y. The elder Mr. Dunham was born at Pleasantville, Sept. 21, 1829, and spent a considerable portion of his life there. In 1891 he removed with his family to Brocton, where he bought the mercantile establishment of Moss & Phillips and conducted that old business under the name of J. A. Dunham, which later became J. A. Dunham & Son, taking in his son above mentioned as partner. He remained thus occupied up to the time of his death, March 19, 1916, a period of twenty-five years, during which time he was a valued citizen of Brocton and active in its general life. He was a well known member of the Masonic order, which he joined as a young man when he became affiliated with Oil Creek Lodge, No. 303, at Titusville, Pa. At the time of his death he was a member of Lake Shore Lodge, No. 851, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of Brocton; Dunkirk Chapter, No. 191, Royal Arch Masons; Dunkirk Council, No. 25, Royal and Select Masters; Dunkirk Commandery, No. 40, Knights Templar; Buffalo Consistory, Sovereign Princes of the Royal Secret; and Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. During the Civil War, Mr. Dunham joined the 121st Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and saw considerable active service at the front until he was discharged on account of disability. In an obituary article appearing in one of the local papers at the time of Mr. Dunham's death, occurs the following passage in appreciation of his character:

He was a public-spirited man, always giving his time and means to every public improvement that in his opinion was for the benefit of the community in which he lived, firmly believing in the golden rule; honest and upright in his dealings with mankind; freely giving his council and means to those less fortunate than himself. \* \* \*

In the death of Mr. Dunham, Brocton loses a citizen who was in every way worthy of the confidence and esteem in which he was held by the host of friends who remain.

Julius A. Dunham married, Nov. 12, 1868, Helen Moss, eldest daughter of Hon. Theodore S. Moss, and among their children was Julius Sherwood, with whom we are here chiefly concerned.

Julius Sherwood Dunham passed the first six years of his life at his native town of Pleasantville, Pa., but at that age was brought by his parents to Brocton, N. Y., where he began his education. He attended the public schools of this place for a number of years, passing through the grammar grades and high school, and after completing his studies at the latter place entered Eastman's Business College at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., where he took a commercial course. During this time, however, the young man's attention had been strongly engaged by the idea of a professional career and with this idea he entered the law department of the University of Michigan in order to study his chosen subject. His intention in this direction was frustrated, however, by the illness of his mother, which caused him to return

home, and shortly after he was offered a place in the business of his father. This was accepted by the young man, who thus became associated with a business with which he has remained ever since. Upon the death of the elder Mr. Dunham he took entire charge and became the sole owner, and since that time, under his capable management, it has developed to its present large dimensions and become one of the large stores of its kind in the region. In addition to his mercantile activity, Mr. Dunham has always been keenly interested in agriculture, especially in the growing of grapes, and at present owns and operates a fine vineyard of fifty acres which he inherited from his grandfather, Hon. Theodore S. Moss. He is also prominent in social and fraternal circles here, and is a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Farm Bureau and the Portland Grange. He is especially prominent in Masonic circles, having taken his thirty-second degree in Free Masonry, and is affiliated with Lake Shore Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of Brocton, of which he is the treasurer; Dunkirk Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of Dunkirk; Dunkirk Council, Royal and Select Masters, of Dunkirk; Dunkirk Commandery, Knights Templar; Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Buffalo; and Buffalo Consistory, Sovereign Princes of the Royal Secret. In religious belief Mr. Dunham is an Episcopalian, attending the church of that denomination at Brocton, and in politics, a Republican.

Julius Sherwood Dunham was united in marriage, Feb. 23, 1914, with Montrose C. Osgood, of Brocton, a daughter of Edmond B. and Elizabeth (Fox) Osgood, of Brocton. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Dunham, Jane Helen and Betty Louise.

**MERLE SHEARMAN**, who for the past fourteen years has conducted a livery and feed business in Jamestown, known as the Shearman Livery, is very well known among agriculturists, and especially among lovers of horses, in Chautauqua county, N. Y.

Merle Shearman was born in Chautauqua county, N. Y., Feb. 7, 1868, in the family homestead at Busti, the son of Winslow and Laura Shearman, both now deceased. Winslow Shearman was a prosperous and respected farmer at Busti, and to him and his wife were born seven children. They were, in addition to Merle: Jennie, deceased; Dora, who married Frank P. Stoddard; Anna, who married William E. Dennison; Cynthia, deceased; Byron W., who eventually was business partner with Merle; and Erie, who farms the family property at Busti.

Merle Shearman received his elementary education in the district school at Busti, and later attended the Jamestown High School and Jamestown Business College. Thereafter, until he had attained the age of twenty-one years, he assisted his father in the operation of the farm. He was a boy of vigorous temperament and adventurous spirit, and went West when he became of age. For five years he remained in Montana, his love of horses drawing him into connection with ranching in that State. He had a horse and cattle ranch of his own at Livingston, Mont., but he eventually disposed of that and returned to Busti, N. Y., and there purchased a farm, which for the following

five years he steadily cultivated. He then sold the farm to his nephew and came to Jamestown to live. His fondness for horses again influenced him, for after he had been with the Salisbury Wheel Company for two years, he gave up that steady employment so that he might establish himself in the livery business in Jamestown. It was in 1905 when he first opened business in the city as a livery stable owner. The success of the business later induced him to take his brother into partnership, the brothers thereafter trading as Shearman Brothers. In 1909, his brother, Byron W. Shearman, died, and since then Merle Shearman has conducted the business alone. It is a substantial livery business, and latterly an appreciable volume of trading in hay and feed has been developed. Mr. Shearman has very many friends in Chautauqua county, and is considered to be an excellent judge of horses. He is much interested in the Jamestown Agricultural Fair. Mr. Shearman does not take much part in political affairs, but he gives steady allegiance to the Republican party. He is a member of the Jamestown Board of Commerce, and fraternally belongs to the Knights of Pythias and Maccabees orders. By religious conviction, his people were Methodists, but his family attends the First Presbyterian Church of Jamestown.

On Oct. 15, 1891, in Busti, N. Y., Merle Shearman was married to Audrey M. Palmer, of Ellicott. They have two children: Allene, who became the wife of Webster Gokey, of Jamestown; and Adelaide, who is at home.

**HUGH MARCUS FLEMING**, one of the leading residents of Brocton, Chautauqua county, N. Y., secretary of the Brocton Fruit Products Company, secretary-treasurer of the Ahira Hall Memorial Library, and one of the most prominent and active men in the district, was born in Forest county, Pa., May 15, 1858, the son of John and Esther (Henderson) Fleming. His father was a farmer, who later came into Chautauqua county, and was well known in Portland township, where he settled and purchased a farm.

The education of Hugh M. Fleming was obtained in the district school in the town of Portland, Chautauqua county, and a commercial college in Mt. Union, Ohio. After completing his studies, he resolved to enter commercial life, and became interested with his father in the grocery business in Portland, so continuing for several years. Later he was in the employ of a nursery company for several more years, in the same town, after which, in 1899, he came to Brocton, becoming secretary and treasurer of the G. E. Ryckman Wire Company, so continuing until 1915. In 1919, he became secretary of the Brocton Fruit Products Company, the position he is holding at the present time (1921). Mr. Fleming has taken a prominent part in most of the public movements of Portland and Brocton. Politically, he gives allegiance to the Republican party, and for eighteen years was town clerk of Portland and village clerk in Brocton since 1909. Fraternally, he is connected with the Masonic order: the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Knights of Pythias, of which he is past chancellor. As a Mason, he has advanced to the thirty-second degree, and has been through practically

all the chairs of the Blue Lodge, the chapter, the council and the commandery. He was the first master of Lake Shore Lodge, of Brocton, and district deputy for the Chautauqua district; member of the Dunkirk Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Dunkirk Council, Royal and Select Masters; Dunkirk Commandery, Knights Templar; the Buffalo Shrine; Buffalo Consistory; and the Brocton Eastern Star. It will therefore be appreciated that he is widely known in the district, and has high standing among his fellow townsmen and fraternal associates. Mr. Fleming is a man of pronounced literary inclinations and has been actively interested in the work of the Ahira Hall Memorial Library having been a member of the board of that institution for nine years. For eight years he has been secretary-treasurer for the library, and his wide knowledge of books has been invaluable to the institution. During the World War he took an active part in the work of making successful in his district the flotation of the various Liberty Loans and other funds.

Mr. Fleming married (first) Maila Mitchell, who died in 1897. He married (second) Viola Mitchell, sister of his first wife, both of the town of Portland. By the first marriage there was one child, Clifford Marcus, born Dec. 27, 1883, who was educated in Westfield High School, and Bryant & Stratton's Business College in Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; he married Maud Hodge, of Brocton, and they have two children, Frances and Charles.

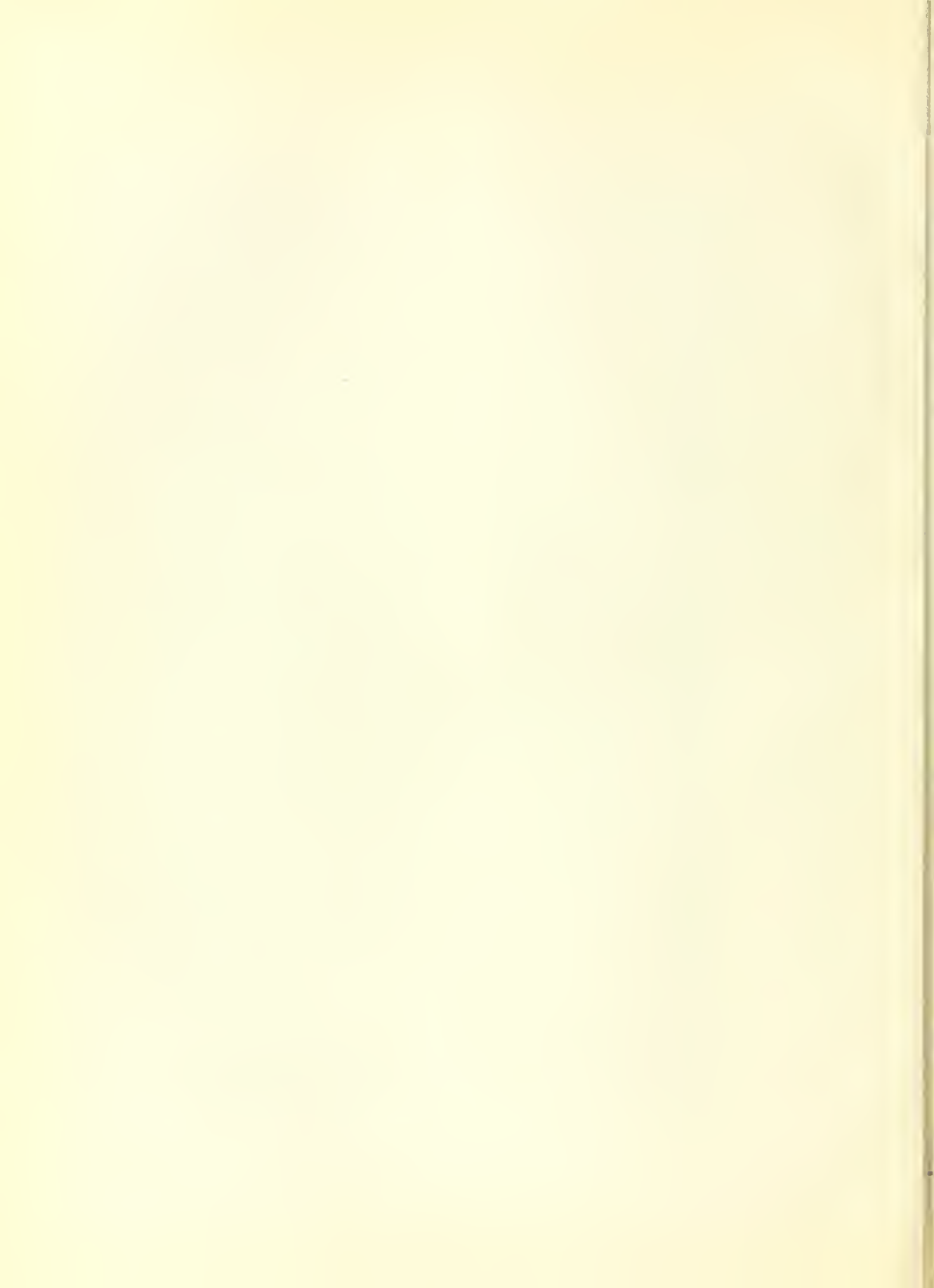
**EDWARD NEIL SKINNER**, a prominent business man of Westfield, Chautauqua county, N. Y., where he is engaged in the automobile business, is a native of the town of Portland, N. Y., born Aug. 10, 1879, and a member of an old and distinguished New York State family.

His grandfather, David Skinner, located at Norwich, N. Y., as a young man, and later came to Chautauqua county. His son, Frank Skinner, father of Edward N. Skinner, was born at Portland, N. Y., and died there in April, 1907, being occupied as a farmer during his entire life. He was a Democrat in politics, and a Methodist in religious belief. He married Catherine O'Neil, a native of Ireland. She came to this country as a young girl and married Mr. Skinner at Portland. Among their children is Edward Neil, with whose career we are here especially concerned.

Edward Neil Skinner attended the public schools of Westfield, N. Y., also the Westfield High School. Upon completing his studies at the latter institution, he turned his attention to farming and was employed in this occupation until he had reached the age of twenty-six. Mr. Skinner, however, felt that a larger opportunity awaited him in business life, and with this end in view he became a traveling agent for the Woodmen of the World. He remained with this concern three years, and then removed to Westfield and in 1909 engaged in the automobile business in partnership with William Nicol, under the firm name of Skinner & Nicol, a garage known throughout Western New York. In 1913, Mr. Skinner became identified with the Chautauqua Coöperative Live Stock Insurance Company of Westfield, N. Y., and since that time he has held the office of secretary and treasurer of the company, which is now



*E. M. Skinner*





a flourishing concern and owes its success to his capable management. Mr. Skinner is a prominent Democrat in this region, his voice being influential in the councils of his party. He was elected a trustee of Westfield in 1911. In 1915, Mr. Skinner was appointed postmaster, taking office in the month of April in that year and being confirmed in his appointment in the following December. Mr. Skinner is a well known figure in social and fraternal circles here, and is especially prominent in the Masonic order, being affiliated with Summit Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and Westfield Chapter, Royal Arch Masons. He is also a member of the local lodges of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Woodmen of the World. His clubs are the Masonic of Westfield, the New York Automobile, and the National Automobile Dealers' Association.

Edward Neil Skinner was united in marriage, Nov. 26, 1902, at Westfield, N. Y., with Lydia A. House, a native of Westfield, born Dec. 5, 1878, a daughter of David and Mary (Caldwell) House. Mr. House, who was born at Portland, N. Y., was a farmer by occupation, and a staunch supporter of Republican principles and policies. Both he and his wife are deceased. One son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Skinner, Theodore R., who is now a student in the local high school.

**RALPH J. PALMER**—The insurance interests of Chautauqua county have certainly no more aggressive or successful representative than they possess in the man whose name stands at the head of this article. As active manager of the Tremaine Insurance Agency, Mr. Palmer ranks among the foremost in his line of business.

Ralph J. Palmer was born July 25, 1893, in Fredonia, son of Joseph N. and Anna (Curran) Palmer. The education of Ralph J. Palmer was received in the grammar and high schools of Fredonia, and at the age of sixteen he began his career in the insurance line. At that time he entered his father's insurance agency with which he continued to be identified until Dec. 1, 1913, when both father and son purchased the G. M. Tremaine Insurance Agency and the two agencies were united under the name of the Tremaine Insurance Agency, of which Mr. Palmer is now active manager. The Tremaine Insurance Agency is the oldest in northern Chautauqua county, if not in the entire county. In November, 1859, it was established under the name by G. M. Tremaine. The united organization is now one of the largest agencies in existence, dealing in all kinds of insurance. The following are the companies represented: The Agricultural Insurance Company; Colonial Fire Underwriters, Fire Association, Firemen's Fund, Glenn Falls, Home of New York, Insurance Company of North America, Travelers' Insurance Company, the New Hampshire, the Northwestern Underwriters, the Royal, Security and others. The political principles of Mr. Palmer are those advocated and supported by the Republican party. He affiliates with the Masonic fraternity and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Fredonia, and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of the same place. During the late war he was identified in various war activities.

Mr. Palmer married, Oct. 2, 1912, Alice V., daughter of Albert H. and Clara A. (Chapman) Bierce, of Fredonia, and they are the parents of three children: Bruce Albert, Mark Joseph, and Ethel.

**HARRY A. METTENDORFF**—Prominent in town affairs, and superintendent of Westfield's municipal electric light system, is Harry A. Mettendorff. He has held this post since March, 1913, and is one of the well known younger citizens of the town.

Harry A. Mettendorff was born in the city of Dunkirk, N. Y., March 4, 1889, his parents being Peter and Anna (Britcher) Mettendorff, and they were also the parents of one daughter, Mary Pauline. Peter Mettendorff was, at the time of his son's birth, connected with the Brooks Locomotive Works of Dunkirk, but when the boy was four months old the family moved to Westfield and Mr. Mettendorff then accepted a position with the Lake Shore Railroad. Harry A. Mettendorff attended the grammar school of Westfield and later the high school, after which he became employed with the Jamestown, Chautauqua & Lake Erie Railroad, remaining there until 1908. He then secured employment with the Westfield Municipal Lighting Plant, and while employed there he became interested in and took a course of study in electricity. Just at this time there was a vacancy in the Dunkirk Light, Heat and Power Company, and he became night engineer in the plant. For three years Mr. Mettendorff remained at Dunkirk, and then returned to the Westfield plant, accepting the position of superintendent in March, 1913. He immediately began to make improvements in the equipment of the plant, making many important changes and installing new generators. Up to this time the plant was only able to supply very limited night service, and now they have 250 street lights and 500 customers, including people in dwellings, offices, for churches, etc., with thirty-six miles of well lighted highways; and the electric switch board is of the most modern type. This is a municipal plant, having started in operation in the fall of 1893 with one engine, a belt drive, 150 horsepower engine of the Skinner automatic variety, belted to a live shaft supplying power to three arc light machines and one small lighting generator. They now have an additional engine of 225 horsepower, and these engines supply a total power of 300 K. V. A. capacity in the generators. In the boiler room are two 150 horsepower "Erie City" horizontal tubular boilers. Since Mr. Mettendorff took management of the plant he has done much to give efficient service and stands well with the users of electric power in this vicinity. He is likewise well known in a social way. He is a member of the Royal Arcanum and of the Loyal Order of Moose. He is a Republican in politics, and an Episcopalian in religion.

In Westfield, Sept. 15, 1913, Harry A. Mettendorff married Gertrude Newell, of that town, and they have two children, Jean Louise and Vivian Grace.

**SALISBURY AXLE COMPANY, INC.**—One of the leading manufacturing industries of Jamestown, N. Y., is that of the Salisbury Axle Company, which certainly has upheld the reputation of the city for manu-

factured products of the highest grade. One writer regarding the city and the connection of the Salisbury Axle Company with it, stated recently:

Quality is the keynote which has made Jamestown's products known throughout the world for its excellence, and this assertion finds confirmation in the reputation achieved by the Salisbury Axle Company.

The company, whose immense plant on Tiffany avenue, Jamestown, is devoted almost exclusively to the manufacture of automobile axles and hubs, had its inception eighteen years ago, when it was incorporated under the laws of the State of New York. Its organizers were men of business and foresight, who saw that for a product of uniformly high grade and reliability there was every prospect of finding a ready and adequate market. Its progress has kept pace with the rapid development of the automobile industry during the last few years, and new markets are constantly being opened. Undoubtedly, there is a promising future of successful expansion before the company, because the factor of prime importance at the plant is excellence of product.

As the plant was when last written of, it consisted of three large and modern structures, affording a total floor space of 70,000 square feet. It is equipped with the latest machinery and appliances for the manufacture of automobile axles and hubs, and provides employment for from 200 to 500 efficient workmen. The product is marketed throughout the United States and Canada among the more representative manufacturers of automobiles. The corporation is fortunate in its executive personnel, the direction of its affairs being in the hands of men who are, stated a local writer, "potent factors in Jamestown's industrial development, and hold an undisputed position in local manufacturing circles." The executives of the Salisbury Axle Company in July, 1919, were: F. P. Hall, president; S. H. Penfield, vice-president and sales manager; E. D. Cook, secretary; Fletcher Goodwell, treasurer; E. D. Shearman, general manager; F. E. Clark, purchasing agent; F. P. Hall, Jr., chief engineer. This company, in 1919, sold its interests to a New York syndicate and now they have a new board of officers, all outside men.

Certainly, a manufacturing industry yielding work to 500 persons is a factor of appreciable importance to a city of the size of Jamestown, and many of the city's well wishers would naturally hope that the expansion of the Salisbury Axle Company's business be even more rapid than heretofore.

**CHARLES MASON DOW, LL. D.**—Long a member of the Jamestown banking fraternity, president of the National Chautauqua County Bank, the "mother" of all Chautauqua banks, a citizen honored with high appointment by his State and National governments, Charles M. Dow occupies a strong position in the public life of Chautauqua county. Not less was he honored in private life, while his interest in all that pertained to the home and family life of the county was well proven by his service as president of the Chautauqua County Historical Society. Conservation of our natural parks and our forests, and the establishment of a park system in Jamestown, were subjects which interested him and called for valuable personal service. To this

add literary ability, public spirit, and patriotism, and a fairly faithful likeness of one of Chautauqua's most eminent citizens is obtained.

Mr. Dow traced descent from the Dows of Hampton, Mass., who came from Norfolkshire, England, to New England in 1637. He is a great-great-grandson of Solomon and Mary (Saunders) Dow; great-grandson of Captain Richard and Elizabeth (Clough) Dow; grandson of Captain Solomon and Elizabeth (Buzzell) Dow; and only son of Albert Gallatin Dow and his second wife, Lydia Ann (Mason) Dow.

Of Albert Gallatin Dow, centenarian, it has been written:

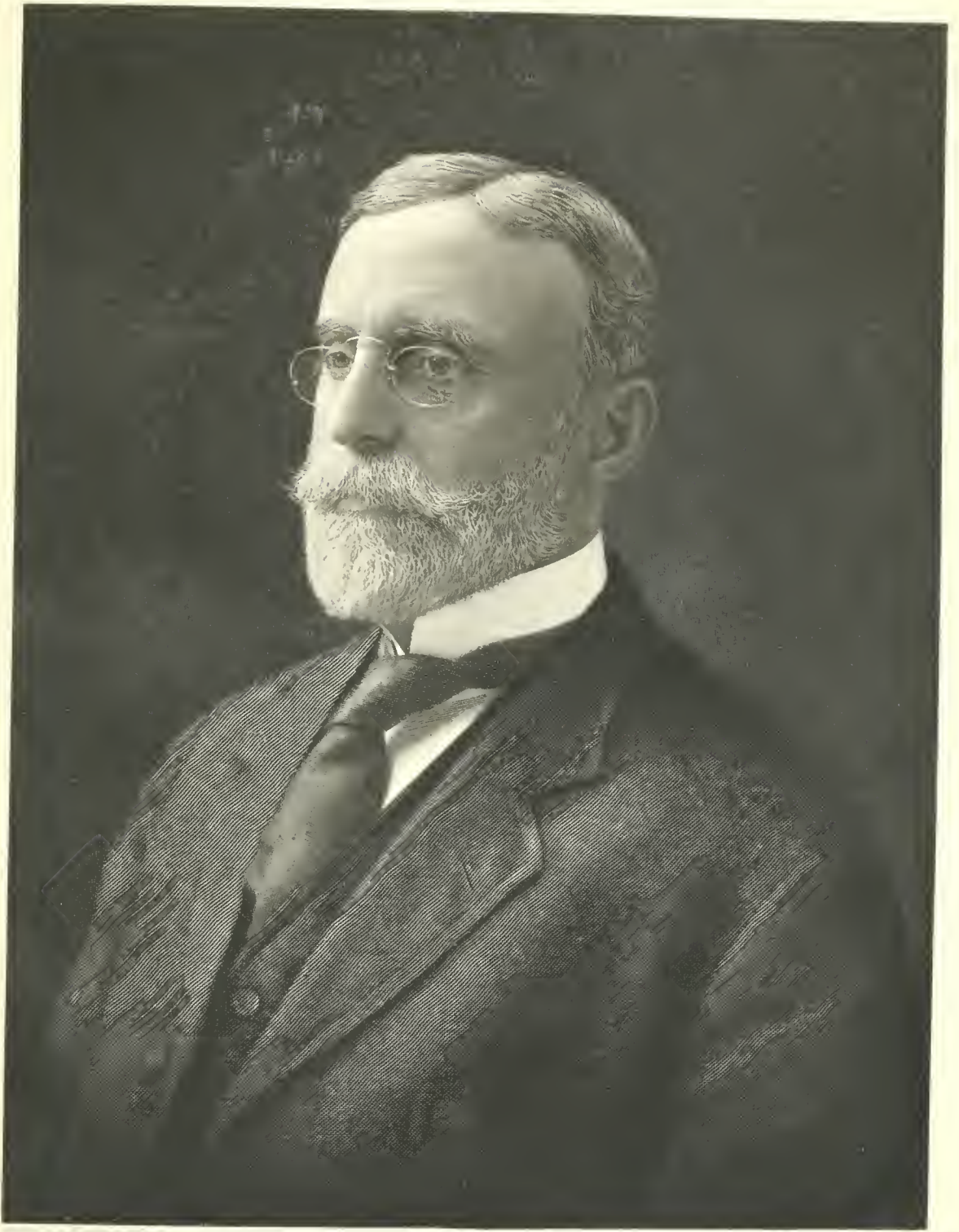
He was one of the most remarkable men of this age; mentally and physically one of the most perfectly balanced men of whom history gives record; who without being a genius or a specialist had the ability to quickly grasp any subject; a man of medium size, with body splendidly developed, and every organ functioning normally. As a centenarian he took the same active interest in current affairs, presiding over a meeting of the board of directors of the Chautauqua County National Bank at the age of ninety-seven, and within a few weeks of his death wrote his personal reminiscences to be distributed among the guests at his anticipated one hundredth birthday anniversary. He attained success as merchant and banker; was chosen State Senator, and held the respect and friendship of every man who knew him. He was born in Plainfield, N. H., Aug. 16, 1808, died at his home in Randolph, N. Y., Saturday night, May 23, 1908, not quite reaching his one hundredth birthday.

Albert G. Dow married (first) Freeloze Mason, who died at Randolph, N. Y., Aug. 21, 1847, daughter of Wheaton and Octavia (Belden) Mason. They were the parents of five children: James, Warren, Sarah, who died in childhood; Mary, and Albert G. Mr. Dow married (second) at Schenectady, N. Y., April 25, 1850, Lydia Ann Mason. She was born at Pembroke, N. Y., June 9, 1814, and died at Randolph, N. Y., June 11, 1891, leaving an only child, Charles Mason, to whom this review is inscribed.

Charles Mason Dow was born at the family home in Randolph, Cattaraugus county, N. Y., Aug. 1, 1854, died in Jamestown, N. Y., Dec. 17, 1920. He was educated at Randolph Academy and Oberlin College, later pursuing law study under the direction of Johnson & Crowley, of the Cattaraugus county bar. He did not practice law, however, but embraced business life, becoming a member of the banking firm, A. G. Dow & Son, in 1876, being then twenty-two years of age. A. G. Dow & Son maintained a bank in Randolph and from 1879 until 1884, Charles M. Dow was manager of a branch bank in Bradford, Pa. In 1884, he retired from business and spent three years in travel and leisure. In 1888, Mr. Dow reentered business life as organizer of the Jamestown National Bank, of which he was president from its organization until its consolidation in 1899 with the Chautauqua County Trust Company. He was president of the latter institution from the consolidation in 1899, until a later reorganization as the Chautauqua County National Bank, of which he was president until his passing, his term as chief executive of the same institution under its three corporate titles covering the entire period 1888-1920. (See banking chapter).

Mr. Dow was called to other important positions in the financial world, and held various directorships. He organized the banking department of the Title





Charles M. Dow









*Eleanor J. Dow*

Guarantee and Trust Company of New York in 1903, and for two years, 1903-04, served that institution as vice-president. He was a trustee of the American Surety Company of New York, 1903-15; member of Buffalo Board Federal Reserve Bank of New York, 1919-20; vice-president and director of Salamanca Trust Company; director of the Lake Shore National Bank of Dunkirk, besides various others, but Jamestown was the scene of his constant interest and business activity.

Eschewing politics as an active participant, Mr. Dow nevertheless devoted much time to the public service and rendered to both county and State public-spirited endeavor of value. He was a member of the Constitutional Convention, 1915, serving as chairman of the conservation committee, and in Jamestown was an active advocate of public parks, and president of the first Board of Park Commissioners in 1900. In 1898, he was appointed a commissioner of the Niagara State Park Reservation, an office he held continuously for sixteen years, and for eleven years, 1903-14, was president of the commission. The question of preserving State forests appealed to him, and he became so prominent an advocate of forest conservation that he was elected vice-president of New York State Forestry Association, trustee of the Society for the Preservation of the Adirondacks, trustee of the American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society, and director of the National Conservation Association. He was for many years associated with William P. Letchworth in many activities for the State, and at the latter's death, when he bequeathed to the State beautiful Letchworth Park in the Genesee valley, Mr. Dow was made the director of the commission which took charge and made of the park one of the beauty spots of the State, which has attracted the admiring attention of thousands of travelers as well as the many visitors from our own and adjoining states. It was through his influence that the arboretum was established in Letchworth Park, regarded as the most important of its kind in the United States. The function of the arboretum as laid down by the director is thus stated:

The principle upon which the Letchworth Park Arboretum is established is that it shall consist of a permanent collection of the various species of the world's timber trees likely to thrive in this northern climate, planted scientifically, to test their value and illustrate the processes of development, so supplying not only knowledge for knowledge's sake, but also knowledge for practical use.

During the period of war between the United States and Germany, 1917-18, Mr. Dow was appointed Federal Fuel Administrator for Chautauqua county, his appointment being made Oct. 26, 1917, and in 1918 he was made a member of the Federal Milk Commission. These trusts were accepted by Mr. Dow, and he rendered efficient service, directing the energies of the Fuel Conservation Commission in his district with devotion to the best interests of the people and the government.

Almost his last county public service was as president of the Chautauqua County Historical Society, and in that office he made extraordinary efforts to interest the people of the county in the preservation of family history and records. The aid of the society was freely offered, and personally the president gave substantial prizes to the school children to interest them in county geography and history. There has never been any salary

connected with any of the above positions, and it may truly be said that few men in Chautauqua or any other county have given more freely to non-remunerative public service. But his pay has been ample in the contemplation of the good accomplished.

An extensive traveler, having spent long periods in practically every country in the world, where he was an honored guest on various occasions, a wide reader, and associated with scientific societies, Mr. Dow acquired a most pleasing style, and from a full mind, in the intervals of a busy, useful life, wrote much of interest concerning his years of study, research and work. Besides articles in "Outlook" and "Review of Reviews," he is the author of "A Century of Finance and Commerce in Chautauqua County" (1903), "A History of the State Reservation at Niagara" (1915), and "Bibliography and Anthology of Niagara Falls" (1919).

Mr. Dow married, Jan. 12, 1876, Eleanor Jones, daughter of Elisha L. and Emily (Sibley) Jones. Mr. and Mrs. Dow were the parents of four children: Alberta Gallatin, wife of Fletcher Goodwill; Charles Mason, born Sept. 25, 1878, died Dec. 27, 1907, a graduate of Yale College and Harvard Law School; Howard, born Aug. 15, 1880, now vice-president of the Chautauqua County National Bank; and Paul Livingston, born March 15, 1884, died Sept. 9, 1884.

The estimation in which Mr. Dow was held among men of learning is best attested by the fact that in 1914 Bethany College conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws, and a similar degree was conferred by Niagara University in 1915. No man in the State was more deeply interested in those things which count for the advancement of the nation and the uplift of society than he, as is attested by the numerous societies and organizations of which he was a member and for which he earnestly labored. In his home city he was universally respected, and his passing in the full prime of his splendid powers brought forth universal regret. When conditions developed that gave assurance that the end was near Mr. Dow, with the dignity and patience that was always his, awaited the end with calm resignation, and with a full realization that his life's work was ended.

The following extract is from the pen of Dr. James Sullivan:

He touched life at more points than any other man whom I have ever known intimately; he knew minutely more of the inward life of the people, not alone of this locality, but of the country generally, than most of the philosophers. He instinctively knew, and he had a delicate appreciation for, the finer side of every person with whom he came in contact, and his kindly, though often blunt, methods of bringing men together and smoothing out the rough places has served to preserve and perpetuate friendships which otherwise would have drifted into animosities which could not have failed to mar the life of the community. Add to these splendid qualities that charity which delights, not in ostentatious giving, but in daily doing; which appreciates that men and women need encouragement in the development of character and an abiding faith more than a fostering of their self-pity, and we have a composite picture of the man.

**MRS. ELEANOR (JONES) DOW**—A woman of noble character and fine mind, Mrs. Dow was a leader in charitable and philanthropic movements in Chautauqua county, and for all time her name will be inscribed among those real women of her State who gave them-



selves without reservation to the cause of humanity. That she became so prominent a figure in the work of the Woman's Club was not through her wish, for her heart was in another phase of woman's work, and her everlasting monument is in the Agnes Home for Young Women and the Warner Home for the Aged, institutions to which she devoted her splendid powers for many years. Practically she gave her life to the cause of charity, and spent her best efforts in that cause.

Mrs. Eleanor (Jones) Dow was born in Allegheny, Pa., Dec. 14, 1857, died at Jamestown, N. Y., Dec. 29, 1920, daughter of Elisha Livingstone and Emily (Sibley) Jones, her father one of the pioneer lumbermen of the Allegheny section. In 1870, Mr. Jones retired from business, and with his family moved to Randolph, N. Y., then the home of his daughter's future husband, Charles M. Dow. Mrs. Eleanor (Jones) Dow was a graduate of Chamberlain Institute, Randolph, N. Y., class of 1875. A portion of her course was devoted to voice culture and expression, studies which were invaluable to her in her later public activity in women's organizations. In 1876 she married, and in 1888 Jamestown became her home.

In the city of Jamestown Mrs. Dow became well known through her interest in charitable work and other forms of woman's work, her popularity among the women of Western New York leading to her election in 1899 to the presidency of the Western New York Federation of Women's Clubs. She held that office two years, and during that period was a member of the board of directors of the New York Federation, succeeding to the presidency of that larger group of women's clubs in 1902.

In 1902 Mrs. Dow wrote:

With federation comes not only a breadth of outlook, of purpose, of association, of work, which means growth, things supremely to be desired in the individual club, but there is that which cannot be put into cold words: a broader charity, a more tolerant spirit, and a sweetness and strength of sympathy and coöperation among strong reserved women widely separated, yet standing together in a concerted movement for the common good. If the club life means anything, it means higher ideals for the individual and it should tend toward simplicity, plain living and high thinking.

Mrs. Dow was also a member of the National Federation of Women's Clubs; member of Sorosis, New York City; and in 1898 was a member of the Scribblers Club of Buffalo. In Jamestown she founded and for seventeen years was president of the Art Club, and held similar relation to the Mozart and Fortnightly clubs. Her work for charity was both consistent and persistent, and it was through her able leadership and personal effort that the Agnes Home for Young Women and the Warner Home for the Aged, both Jamestown institutions, were raised to their present plane of usefulness, and placed upon a sound basis. The following resolutions express the feelings of Mrs. Dow's contemporaries in this her great life work:

With a feeling of sadness and deep personal loss, we, the directors of the Agnes Home, would record the death of our beloved honorary president, Mrs. Eleanor J. Dow, which occurred at her home in this city on December 29, 1920. Mrs. Dow was one of the founders of the Agnes Home and its president from the organization until she took up the active direction of the Warner Home six years ago, at which time she was made honorary president.

It was due to her energy and perseverance that both the Agnes Home for Young Women and later the

Warner Home for the Aged became realities. Her interest in young women and in the aged and infirm led her to be untiring in her efforts in behalf of these institutions. Her optimism and marked ability in organization and administration brought success where many others might have failed. Her splendid faith inspired her co-workers, and what she accomplished will always be a monument to her broad vision and spirit of helpfulness.

She needs no song that we can sing,  
No public praise the world can bring,  
For other lives have felt the cheer  
Her deeds have shed for many a year.

Tributes to the memory of Mrs. Charles M. Dow, by the board of directors of the Agnes Association at a meeting held Jan. 27:

At this, the first meeting of our Board in the New Year, before we look forward to all that may lie before us, it is fitting that we should pause to look backward, even to the beginning of this work, recalling the inspiration, the untiring effort of the one who made it all possible.

The death of Mrs. Eleanor (Jones) Dow, our co-worker and our friend, has severed a tie that has bound us together for nearly sixteen years and to-day we wish to pay tribute to her memory, and to her work. A loving tribute from saddened hearts.

Mrs. Dow was the first President of the Board of the Agnes Home, and at the time of her death, its Honorary President. The President of the Warner Home and the President of the Agnes Association. For ten years, the trying formative years of the work in the Agnes Home, she stood steadfastly at the helm, and when she relinquished the active control of this Board to take up the more pressing and needed work of establishing the Warner Home for the Aged, she still retained her membership and interest in the Agnes Home, and became its Honorary President. Always ready and willing to advise and to assist. Always happy in our achievement, the foundations of which she had so successfully bulidied.

We who have been associated with Mrs. Dow in these organizations will always remember that so much that is good and beautiful and dear to our hearts in the work in which we are privileged to have a share but for her we might have missed.

Mrs. Dow traveled extensively at home and abroad, her last voyage abroad being taken in the summer of 1920, with special reference to her health. She was not benefited, and after her return to Jamestown her health gradually failed, her condition being such that upon the death of her husband, Dec. 17, 1920, it was deemed best not to inform her of that sad event. During her active years, the Dow home was a center of hospitality, in which many persons of note were entertained, as well as the many personal friends of both Mr. and Mrs. Dow.

#### IN MEMORIAM—MRS. ELEANOR J. DOW.

The grim messenger of death has claimed another member of our board. With the passing of the year, our beloved president, Mrs. Eleanor J. Dow, was called to her eternal rest.

Mrs. Dow's entire life has been given in service for the uplift and betterment of the standards of life. She was interested in all of the institutions of Jamestown, and actively identified with the work of many of them at sometime or another; but, in the latter years, her supreme efforts were in behalf of the Agnes Association. She has been not only president of the Agnes Association since its organization, but president of both branches of the Association. After bringing the Agnes Home to the point where it was nearly self-sustaining, she resigned the chair; but never relinquished her efforts in its behalf.

It was through the efforts of Mrs. Dow and those of its donor, the late Mrs. Mary H. Warner, that the Warner Home for the Aged was made possible. Mrs. Dow was gifted with rare executive ability. We recall the time, the thought and the energy that she gave to the organization of this Home. To many of us, it seemed an impossible undertaking. Not so with Mrs. Dow. With her, to conceive a good thought was to execute it, and giving unstintingly of her time and energy the work of organization was soon accomplished. She was made its first president, which office she continued to hold until the time of her death. All



through the years of the Home's existence, she had not only planned ways and means to carry on the work, but, by reason of her faith, her courage and her resourcefulness has been an inspiration and help to her various committees at all times.

Not until stricken in health, while abroad this past summer, did she relax her efforts for the furtherance of this work which was so dear to her heart. Forgetting self entirely, she worked unceasingly toward her goal which was to make the Warner Home for the Aged self-sustaining.

The entire community recognized Mrs. Dow as a most remarkable and estimable woman; but only those who worked with her intimately can know the keen, sincere, earnest efforts she made for those less fortunate than herself. She gave ungrudgingly of her time, her thought, her means and her energy for the promotion of a worthy cause.

Although in years, her life was somewhat shorter than that allowed mankind, yet, in point of service, she was able to accomplish more than many who live their allotted time.

This board can ill afford to lose so gifted a leader as was Mrs. Dow; but, her spirit will continue with us, "God buries the worker; but carries on the work."

Knowing and loving Mrs. Dow, we share with her family the sorrow which this sad event occasions and we extend to them our sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

Large is the life that flows for others' sakes,  
Expend its best, its noblest effort makes.  
Devotion rounds the man and makes him whole;  
Love is the measure of the human soul.

#### THE M. R. NELSON DRY GOODS COMPANY

—On the twenty-ninth anniversary of his birth, March 4, 1911, Martin R. Nelson, in partnership with Enoch Lindstrom, established the Nelson & Lindstrom dry goods store at No. 110 East Second street, Jamestown. They started with an up-to-date stock of high quality mark, and made it their special business to entirely satisfy their customers. Mr. Nelson's long experience in the dry goods business helped largely to make the venture the great success it proved to be. This partnership continued until May, 1914, when Martin R. Nelson, in connection with his brother, Ernest L. Nelson, bought out Mr. Lindstrom's interest in the store, and the firm name was changed to the M. R. Nelson Dry Goods Company. The new combination opened another store at No. 627 East Second street, near Winsor street, which they occupied until July 1, 1920, when they moved to their new and modern store at No. 623 East Second street. This store, which might be termed No. 2, is one of the finest and best stocked shopping centers in Jamestown. Their original store at No. 110 East Second street also is a very finely stocked store, in the heart of the shopping district, and in the ownership of these two places it can be truly said that the Nelson brothers are among the leading merchants of Jamestown. They make a specialty of wash goods, white fabrics, fine linens, hosiery, underwear, sweaters and general dry goods. The business is growing steadily each year, and larger quarters will be needed from time to time as they have been in the past. The firm is a member of the Board of Commerce, and the Dry Goods Men's Association, both of Jamestown; and of the National Dry Goods Association of America.

**MARTIN R. NELSON**—The saying, "when dreams come true," might be applied to Martin R. Nelson, a leading dry goods merchant of Jamestown. When a small boy his favorite pastime was "playing store," and as he grew older he began to have visions of the time

when as a man he would own a store of his own. The dream of his youth has been realized by the grown man, for he is now president and one of the proprietors of the M. R. Nelson Dry Goods Company, of Jamestown, and the ambition of his life is an accomplished fact.

Martin R. Nelson is a native of Sweden, his birth occurring in Smoland, March 4, 1882. He was only ten weeks old when his parents, Charles A. and Christina Nelson, left Sweden for the United States. They landed in New York City with their two children, Martin R. and Esther, but did not remain there, starting at once for Jamestown, N. Y. Here two more children were born to them, Nanny and Ernest L. Charles A. Nelson was with the Morgan Manufacturing Company many years in Jamestown. He died Aug. 9, 1913, his widow surviving him.

Martin R. Nelson was educated in the public and high schools of Jamestown. When sixteen years of age he began his business career, accepting the position of clerk in the Boston Store, and his fidelity to duty and faithfulness in all that he undertook was rewarded by promotion to the position of window dresser, for which he was well qualified, and at the expiration of a few years he had the entire charge of the first floor of the store, the various departments in which he was stationed giving him the best experience possible for his future enterprise. Mr. Nelson was connected with the Boston Store for a period of thirteen years.

On March 4, 1911, on the twenty-ninth anniversary of his birth, Mr. Nelson, in partnership with Enoch Lindstrom, established the firm of Nelson & Lindstrom, dry goods merchants, a sketch of which business precedes this article. Mr. Nelson's long and varied experience in the dry goods business was a prominent factor in the growth and development of the enterprise, which has assumed large proportions.

Martin R. Nelson married, in Jamestown, Sept. 15, 1903, Mabel Peterson, born in Jamestown, the daughter of William and Mary (Peterson) Peterson, who were among the pioneer settlers (Swedish) of Jamestown. Mr. Peterson, for many years, was with the Warner Sawmill Company of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Peterson are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson are the parents of one son, Weldon M., born in Jamestown, July 13, 1907. Mr. Nelson and his family are members of the Swedish Lutheran Immanuel Church, he serving on the board of trustees. He has taken great interest in church work, being a member of the choir at one time, and has served in various other capacities connected with the church work.

This is a story of a remarkable romance of a young business man, for Mr. Nelson had no more advantages than any other employee who embarks as a clerk in a retail business. It was his strict application to the service of his employer, observation of the business details and a strong desire to be a leader in the dry goods world that led him to his present successful business career. He stands high in the estimation of the business men of the city, and is well regarded in trade circles.

**ERNEST L. NELSON**—The success of any business is due to concentration, study of business principles, confidence, and faithful partnership, and in the M. R.

Nelson Dry Goods Company there is a complete example of these foregoing qualities.

Ernest L. Nelson, secretary and treasurer of the above-named company, for a number of years before becoming connected with his brother was assistant secretary and treasurer of the Crown Metal Construction Company of Jamestown. Here he became well versed in business methods, and feeling that he could better apply his knowledge in an independent way, he resigned his position and joined his brother, in November, 1914, in the dry goods business. This undertaking, as before mentioned, has proven a success, and the combination can truly be termed one of confidence and faithful partnership. Mr. Nelson has gone along with his brother, Martin R., in the building of this promising mercantile business and likewise shares the distinction of his brother as a leading merchant.

Ernest L. Nelson married, in Jamestown, Sept. 9, 1914, Ada Lundberg, born in Sugar Grove, Pa., the daughter of Peter and Matilda (Anderson) Lundberg, who were early Swedish settlers of Sugar Grove. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson are the parents of three children, as follows: Rachael L., born June 21, 1915; Ruth E., born Oct. 14, 1918; and Helen, born Dec. 31, 1920.

Mr. Nelson, like his brother, Martin R., takes an active part in church work, being treasurer of the Swedish Lutheran Immanuel Church, a member of the choir, and interested in other activities of the church.

**WAYNE NELSON CHENEY**—William Cheney was a very early resident of Roxbury, in the colony of Massachusetts Bay, in New England (now included in the city of Boston). The oldest records of that town which have been brought down to modern times are contained in a volume whose opening sentence says that the book was bought in 1639 for the purpose of recording various matters relating to the inhabitants. Its earliest entries are not dated. One of these is a list of the men who owned land and lived in the town, entitled "A note of the estates and persons of the Inhabitants of Roxbury." Seventy men are enrolled; they range from "Edward Pason," possessor of three acres of ground, to "Mr. Thomas Dudley" with his 356 acres. "William Cheney" is the fortieth name, with twenty-four and one-half acres, showing that he was above the average in wealth. This list is on a page where the year 1640 is given as the date of a preceding entry; and 1642 is the date of the entry on the following page. A number of circumstances indicate that the list was written near the close of the year 1640. On other pages of the old record book there are deeds of land recorded, and in the bounds of two of these "the land of Cheney" and "the meadow of Cheyny" are mentioned; both were made in 1640. These records demonstrate the fact that William Cheney was a landholder and resident of Roxbury before 1640. He and his wife Margaret had seven children.

William (2) Cheney, son of William (1) and Margaret Cheney, made his home in Medfield on lands which his father had acquired in the early laying out of the town, when it was a part of Dedham. He afterward resided in Dorchester. He died in 1681, bequeathing his property to his widow and her sons. Only two of his children lived to maturity and had families.

William (3) Cheney, son of William (2) Cheney, was born Aug. 3, 1666. He married Margaret —, who died April 1, 1740. She and her husband were both members of the church. His name first appears on a list of persons taxed for the support of the minister in Mendon, in October, 1695. The town voted, March 5, 1705-06, to give him "liberty to leave some land on Magor Miscock and take same and instead near to Seth Chapin's house, near to the road leading to Sherburne." He received another grant, April 13, 1706. He resided in that portion of Mendon which was afterward incorporated into Milford, and carried on his large farm amid the hardships and dangers of the time. He died July 1, 1753. He was a man of excellent character and much esteemed by all who knew him. In 1750 a member of the Milford church was disciplined for intoxication and for "casting vile reflections" at Mr. Cheney; and the pastor took occasion to record his opinion of Mr. Cheney as an "honourable and aged" man. Among his seven children was William.

William (4) Cheney, son of William (3) and Margaret Cheney, was born Feb. 7, 1704. He married, at Dorchester, May 20, 1726, Joanna, daughter of Nathaniel and Sarah (Wales) Thayer, of Braintree, born Aug. 18, 1706. She received a bequest from her father in 1752. Mr. Cheney was a member of the church of Mendon and one of those who were dismissed from that body to form the Milford church in 1741; was clerk of the Milford precinct from its organization until 1747. He was a joiner and a farmer, a man of good faculties. He died July 18, 1756. The seventh of his ten children was Ebenezer.

Ebenezer Cheney, son of William (4) and Joanna (Thayer) Cheney, was born in Mendon, July 10, baptized July 19, 1741. He married (first) March 18, 1760, Abigail Thompson, who died in Warwick, Jan. 16, 1776, aged forty-one years. He married (second) (published Oct. 18, 1776) Hannah Gould, who died Oct. 10, 1828, aged seventy. He served in the French and Indian War; enlisted from Mendon, April 27, 1760, in Captain William Jones' company; was discharged Nov. 26, 1760, after thirty weeks' service, roll dated at Boston, Feb. 25, 1760-61. He was a sergeant (Archives Vol. 97, page 384). He was received in full communion in the church of Milford (formerly part of Mendon), Aug. 30, 1767. After a few years he removed to Warwick, where he was at one time a member of the Board of Selectmen. The town of Warwick was divided in 1783, and the portion in which the Cheneys and Goodells resided was called Orange, and incorporated in 1810. This fact accounts for some statements made elsewhere. He remained in Orange and took rank as a leading citizen, a town officer in several instances. He and his wife sold, in 1798 and 1824, lands in Framingham, which had belonged to her relatives by the name of Learned. He died in Orange, Nov. 14, 1828. The line traces through Ebenezer, Jr.

Ebenezer (2) Cheney, son of Ebenezer (1) and Abigail (Thompson) Cheney, was born in Mendon, Sept. 7, 1761. He married (first) Feb. 17, 1785, Anna, daughter of Seth and Silence (Cheney) Nelson, born June 10, 1767; married (second) Anna Noyes of Milford. He enlisted, May 10, 1777, in Harvey's company



of Well's regiment, and served two months and ten days, serving at Ticonderoga, where his father had camped eighteen years before. Again, as a boy "of seventeen years, five feet and seven inches high," "hair brown," he enlisted from Warwick in Proctor's company of Williams' regiment, April 5, 1779, for eight months. He served a whole year, receiving his discharge, April 15, 1780.

Ebenezer (2) Cheney lived for a time after the Revolutionary War at Wardsboro, Windham county, Vt., and in 1808 became a pioneer in the Chautauqua county region of New York. He made three journeys to Chautauqua, all of them on foot. On the first occasion he was accompanied by his son, Nelson E. Cheney, the journey being made for the purpose of locating a tract of pine timber adjacent to water power so that it might readily be converted into marketable lumber. He purchased 160 acres of land in the township of Kiantone from the Holland Land Company, and subsequently returned to Vermont. Between 1808 and 1812 he made a second trip to Chautauqua county for the same purpose. Eventually another parcel of land was secured from the Holland Land Company, this tract in Poland township, a part of it on the main road between Jamestown and Kennedy, seven miles east of Jamestown, and two and one-half miles west of Kennedy, now in the possession of Wayne N. Cheney. The stream which furnished the power for the conversion of the timber into lumber was known as Cheney's brook, later named Dry brook. Ebenezer Cheney was a man of remarkable physical endurance, as is proved by the long distance he covered on foot. While prospecting for timber sites to and in Chautauqua county, he frequently traveled for weeks at a time without seeing a human being, his way often lying through dense forests of primeval growth. Through woods so thick that sunlight could scarcely penetrate, with giants of the forest towering often one hundred feet to the first limb, and fifty, seventy-five, and one hundred feet beyond, he made his way, often having to climb a high tree or hill to sight his bearings, with only the rivers and streams as dependable paths and guides. The game of the woods supplied him with the means of subsistence. There were plenty of bears, deer, panthers, wolves and smaller species, and the birds of the forests were numerous, and the streams were abounding in fish. Strange as it may seem, the most fierce animals gave him little trouble as they had their own natural prey. He came on an errand of peace, and the Indians, who were the sole inhabitants of the wild country, let him pass unmolested. Throughout his life he enjoyed visits to new territories, and on one occasion he traveled on foot through Western Pennsylvania and down the Ohio river as far as the settlement, now the city of Cincinnati, crossing the Ohio by wading. He went to various parts of the counties adjoining Chautauqua, and passed through Fredonia and Jamestown when there were but a few log cabins in these places. After his second trip to Chautauqua county he returned to Vermont, gathered his belongings, and with his family returned to the place he had explored so thoroughly, locating in Kiantone township, clearing a piece of land, building a house of logs, and there making his permanent home. He died

Aug. 12, 1828. Among his children were Nelson E., of whom further; Levi, Seth, Maria, Abigail, and Ruby.

Nelson E. Cheney, son of Ebenezer (2) Cheney, was born in Wardsboro, Windham county, Vt., Nov. 30, 1793. As a youth of fifteen years he accompanied his father to Chautauqua county, and later returned with all of Ebenezer Cheney's family to settle in Kiantone township. After his marriage he located in Poland township, on land purchased from his father, who originally bought it from the Holland Land Company, and to this tract he added from time to time until he held title to more than 800 acres. He devoted himself largely of lumber operations, built a sawmill of good size at Cheney's brook in 1832-33, and there sawed much of the timber cut in the neighborhood. A large part of the product of his mill was rafted down the Conewango creek, the Allegheny and Ohio rivers to Pittsburgh and Cincinnati. Nelson E. Cheney, in addition to his private lumbering interests, was one of the founders of the National Chautauqua Bank of Jamestown, and a man of influence and standing in the locality. He is buried in Levant Cemetery. He married Hannah Merrill, and they were the parents of: 1. Maria, died aged eighteen years. 2. Emery M., of whom further. 3. Nelson, a well known physician of Chautauqua county and Corning, N. Y., later in life a well known lecturer on English literature. 4. Newell, a teacher and farmer, active in public life as collector of internal revenue, member of the County Board of Supervisors, and of the New York State Legislature; he held the rank of captain of the Ninth Regiment of New York Cavalry during the Civil War, served under General Sheridan in the Shenandoah Valley, and was historian of the Ninth Cavalry.

Dr. Emery M. Cheney, son of Nelson E. and Hannah (Merrill) Cheney, was born on his father's homestead near Kennedy, Chautauqua county, N. Y., March 21, 1832. He was educated in Warren Academy, Warren, Pa.; Randolph Institute, Randolph, N. Y., and the University of Buffalo, from which last named institution he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1873. He has since practiced his profession in Frewsburg, East Randolph and Poland Center, and is one of the oldest physicians in point of service in the county. His professional work has included considerable surgery, and for ten years he was examining surgeon for the Pension Bureau of the United States. Dr. Cheney is a member of numerous medical associations and societies, including those of Cattaraugus and Chautauqua counties. He is a Republican in political faith, and has steadfastly supported the party of his choice. Further it is a remarkable and quite unusual record for a family to hold that his father and he have lived through the terms of every president of the United States during the tenure of office up to this writing. He married, at Levant, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Dec. 5, 1862, Amanda Tracy, and there were two sons of this marriage: Wayne N., of whom further; and Frederick, born March 30, 1874, a business man and farmer of Falconer, married S. M. De Bell.

Wayne Nelson Cheney, son of Dr. Emery M. and Amanda (Tracy) Cheney, was born at Poland, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Aug. 14, 1867. During his youth he attended Jamestown Academy, and upon the completion of his education took up the active work of life.

He has owned the farming property on which he now lives for a number of years, having managed this for his father many years prior to coming into its possession. He has dealt largely in lumber, and in this line and in agriculture has spent his active years. Mr. Cheney is widely known in Chautauqua, is a member of the local grange, and, like his father, a staunch Republican.

Wayne Nelson Cheney married, at Poland Center, July 3, 1892, Lottie B. Johnson, born Sept. 29, 1863, daughter of Hugh and Cordelia (Sprague) Johnson. They have one daughter, Florence, born at the home-stead, Nov. 22, 1893, educated in the district schools and Jamestown High School, and for a number of years a school teacher. She married J. Edward Carr, born in Hall, Ontario county, N. Y., Aug. 16, 1894. Mr. and Mrs. Cheney are attendants of the Seventh Day Adventist Church of Jamestown, and interested participants in community affairs.

**WARREN BEEDLE LOOK**—New York has acquired a well deserved reputation for the large number of keen, progressive business men she has sent out in all directions, not a few of whom have come to the conclusion that Jamestown and Chautauqua county offers in many respects, advantages not to be found in some of the larger cities in the State. Warren B. Look has become known in the highest circles of the business world as a man to be implicitly trusted and one with whom it is a satisfaction to transact business. He was born in Collinsville, Ill., Jan. 2, 1884, the son of Arthur Warren and Josephine Arvilla (Logan) Look, prominent residents of that city.

He obtained his early education in the public schools of Collinsville, and in 1903 was graduated from the St. Louis Manual Training School at St. Louis, Mo. After completing his course he entered the employ of the Art Metal Construction Company at St. Louis. In 1908, when the St. Louis branch was consolidated with the Jamestown, N. Y., factory, he was transferred to Jamestown as assistant superintendent, and in 1910 was made general superintendent. In 1917, he resigned and went actively into oil production, in which business he was largely interested for some time, and became the treasurer of the Empire State Oil Company.

Mr. Look is a great lover of nature, has traveled extensively and gets much enjoyment from plant, bird and animal life, and enjoys all out-doors at all times of the year. He owns and manages successfully one of the largest and best equipped and stocked farms in Chautauqua county. Mr. Look is a Republican and votes for the men and principles that he thinks to be the best interest of the people. Fraternally, he is a member of Mt. Moriah Lodge, No. 145, Free and Accepted Masons, and Western Sun Chapter, No. 67, Royal Arch Masons. He is also a thirty-second degree Mason, a member of the Buffalo Consistory, and a member of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the Moon Brook Country Club, Rotary Club, and is eligible to membership in the Sons of the Revolution and the Sons of Veterans. In religious affiliations, Mr. Look and his family are members of St. Luke's Episcopal Church of Jamestown, and are active in all of its business, as well as social affairs.

On Dec. 31, 1907, at Jacksonville, Ill., Mr. Look was united in marriage with Agnes E. Thornborrow, a daughter of John A. and Eliza A. Thornborrow. To this union have been born two sons, Warren Travis, Dec. 2, 1908, and John A. Logan, July 8, 1915.

Mr. Look is a business man of discerning judgment and keen foresight. His business dealings bring him in contact with hundreds of persons, and nothing but the strictest adherence to the principles of honor and integrity has ever been attributed to him.

**ALBERT DeFOREST YOUNG**, well known resident and physician of Mayville, N. Y., at present chief of staff in the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Department of the Hudson Street Hospital of the United States Public Health Service in New York City, is one of the prominent members of his profession in Chautauqua county. He is a son of James and Mary (Messenger) Young, long time residents of Corry, Pa., where Albert DeForest Young was born, April 18, 1873. James Young, now deceased, was a veteran of the Civil War, having served throughout it in many important battles.

Albert DeForest Young was educated in the public schools of his native city, and in 1895 graduated from the Cleveland Medical College, now the Homœopathic Department of Ohio State University. He came to Chautauqua county, N. Y., and located in Panama, in the year of his graduation, and practiced for eight years, subsequently removing to Jamestown, where he practiced until coming to Mayville in 1907. While in Panama, he was health officer for the village and for the township of Harmony for eight years. During the summer of 1903, he took a post-graduate course in the New York Post-Graduate Medical School and Hospital. Dr. Young practiced continuously in Mayville with much success from 1907 until 1918. He was health officer in Mayville from 1907 until he resigned in 1915, and president of the town Board of Education, 1917-18. He is a member of various medical organizations, including Chautauqua County Medical Society. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, being a thirty-second degree Mason, and a member of the Shrine; member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Knights of the Maccabees, Woodmen of the World, and William L. Travis Post, No. 493, American Legion.

Dr. Young enlisted in the Medical Corps of the United States army in 1918 and was commissioned captain; he trained at Camp Greenleaf, Ga., and went overseas during the latter part of 1918 with Evacuation Hospital Unit, No. 28, of the 88th Division. This unit saw service at Belfort and Nantes, France. He was returned to the United States, in April, 1919, on account of ill health, and was honorably discharged from United States Army General Hospital, No. 24, Pittsburgh, Pa., July 5, 1919. In September, 1919, he went to New York City and took a course, specializing in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat in Manhattan Hospital. On completing this course, he was appointed chief of staff in the Hudson Street Hospital, which he continues to the present (1921) but retains his family residence in Mayville.

Dr. Young married, in Panama, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Jan. 27, 1897, Eleanor Cook, daughter of DeForest and Adelia (Hawkins) Cook, lifelong residents of the







*William J. C. Deane*

town. To Dr. and Mrs. Young were born the following children: 1. Donald C., born June 2, 1898; educated in the Jamestown and Mayville public and high schools and in the University of Michigan; enlisted in the S. A. T. C. of the University, where he served until the close of the war; married Ann Christenson, of Detroit, Mich. 2. Stanley D., born Oct. 30, 1900; educated in Jamestown and Mayville public and high schools. 3. Florence E., born Jan. 11, 1902; educated in Jamestown and Mayville schools. 4. James L., born May 29, 1903; educated in Mayville schools. 5. Paul A., born Dec. 3, 1913, now attending school in Mayville.

#### COLONEL WILLIAM FRIES ENDRESS—

This distinguished family is of extremely ancient lineage. Im Hof, a baronial race, spreading out into many branches, is still flourishing in the principal lines, namely, the Swabian, the Franconian and the Italian, with many subdivisions. In the records of the twelfth century it is frequently found under the name of "de Curia" or "in Curia." As early as the thirteenth century it divided itself into two principal branches, which assumed different arms. The elder branch remained at the original seat of the race, in the city of Laningen, in Swabia (now Bavaria) where a village called Imhoff may yet be found.

(I) Johann Im Hof, called Johann (2), who died A. D. 1341, is the progenitor from whom all the race is descended. He dwelt upon his estates at Laningen, and procured through his wife, Anne Von Gross, citizenship in Nuremburg. He was adopted among the families capable of holding the office of senator. He had issue.

(II) Konrad, married and had issue.

(III) Konrad (2), died in 1449. He had issue.

(IV) Johann (3), born in 1419, died in 1499. He had issue.

(V) Johann (4), born in 1461, died in 1526. He was burgomaster of Nuremburg; married and had issue.

(VI) Andreas, otherwise called Endres, was born about 1490, and was a member of the senate, or Rath, of Nuremburg, in the year 1530. As senator he attended the Diet of Augsburg and is styled "Herr Endress im Hoff" by Saubertheim in his History of the Augsburg Diet, written in 1631. He married and had issue.

(VII) Endress, born about 1513, married and had issue.

(VIII) Nicholas Endress, removed from Nuremburg to Wertheim, on the north bank of the Mayn river, about 1560.

(IX) Peter Endress, son of Nicholas Endress, born about 1569, was judge of the Criminal Court of the district.

(X) Nicholas (2) Endress, son of Peter Endress, was born in 1603. He married and had issue.

(XI) Address Endress, son of Nicholas (2) Endress, born in 1634, married and had issue.

(XII) Philip Jacob Endress, son of Address Endress, born in 1682, died in 1762.

(XIII) John Zacharias Endress, son of Philip Jacob Endress, was born in 1726, and was educated in the University of Tübingen, now the University of Wirtem-

burg. He was an extensive traveler; was captured in the Mediterranean sea by Corsairs of Algiers, the famous sea pirates of that day, and sold into captivity in Algiers. Subsequently a Neapolitan merchant (a Roman Christian) redeemed him into freedom, took him to Italy and furnished him with means to return to his native land. In 1766 he came to America and located in Philadelphia, Pa., where he accumulated considerable property near the corner of Vine and Third streets. He was an officer in the Continental army in the War for Independence, was captain in the Philadelphia Guards, and as a result of his action in the Federal cause his buildings were burned to the ground when the British occupied the city. He died in 1810, and was buried at Easton, Pa. He married, Sept. 13, 1768, Mrs. Maria (Henrici) Sansfelt, a widow of French Huguenot extraction. They had a child, Christian Frederick Lewis, mentioned below.

(XIV) Christian Frederick Lewis Endress, D. D., son of John Zacharias Endress, was born in Philadelphia, March 12, 1775. He was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania, which institution honored him with the title of Doctor of Theology in 1820. Throughout most of his lifetime he was connected with Trinity Lutheran Church, pastor from 1815 to 1827 at Lancaster, Pa., succeeding Dr. Henry M. Muhlenberg, founder of the Lutheran church in America. About 1814, with his friend, Col. Nathaniel Rochester, he removed to Dansville, N. Y., in the far-famed Genesee Valley, where they purchased large tracts of land. Subsequently Colonel Rochester went further on to the Falls of the Genesee and established the city which bears his name. Dr. Endress did not remain in Dansville, but returned to Pennsylvania, locating at Easton, where he died Sept. 27, 1827. In 1801, he married Margaretha Fries. They had a son, Isaac Lewis, mentioned below.

(XV) Judge Isaac Lewis Endress, son of Dr. Christian F. L. Endress, was born in Easton, Pa., Sept. 14, 1810, died in 1870. He was educated in Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa. When his family left Pennsylvania for Western New York, he entered the law office of Judge Ewing, of Trenton, N. J., where he remained about one year. He then went to Rochester and entered the law offices of Messrs. Rochester & Ford, and later was in the offices of Messrs. Barnard & Hill. Eventually he was admitted to the bar at Rochester, where he initiated the practice of his profession, and whence he removed to Dansville in 1832. He continued to reside at Dansville during the remainder of his life, and as a lawyer obtained an enviable reputation and lucrative practice. For some thirteen years he was associated with Judge John A. Van Derlip in the practice of law, under the style of Endress & Van Derlip. He was an old line Whig as a young man, and after the formation of the Republican party, transferred his allegiance to that organization. He was appointed to the office of judge in 1840 by Governor William H. Seward; was presidential elector in 1856; was elected a member of the State Constitutional Convention, 1868; was a delegate to the National Republican nominating convention of 1868; and was several times a member of the Republican State Committee. He was president of the board of trustees of Dansville Seminary, and for a number of years was one of the town railroad commis-

sioners. He was one of the founders and a member of the vestry of St. Peter's Protestant Episcopal Church. He was a brilliant lawyer and business man, always fair and square-minded in his dealings with his fellowmen, and was ever held in the highest esteem by all with whom he came in contact.

He married, Oct. 29, 1849, Helen Elizabeth Edwards, daughter of William and Maria (Fitzhugh) Edwards, the former of whom was a direct descendant of Pierpont Edwards, a brother of Jonathan Edwards, the distinguished Puritan divine. Maria Fitzhugh was a daughter of Colonel Perregrine and Elizabeth Crowley (Chew) Fitzhugh, the former of whom was an aide to General Washington. Colonel Fitzhugh was a son of the distinguished Col. William Fitzhugh, born Jan. 16, 1721, died Feb. 11, 1798; at one time commander of all the British forces in America; the progenitor of the Fitzhugh family of Virginia. Children born to Judge and Mrs. Isaac L. Endress: 1. Anna Maria, born Sept. 26, 1850; married James M. Edwards, a prominent banker at Dansville; they reside at the old Endress homestead and have two children, Helen McCurdy, now Mrs. Edward J. Fairchild; and Katharine Elizabeth. 2. Elizabeth Chew, born Oct. 11, 1852. 3. William Fries, mentioned below.

(XVI) Col. William Fries Endress, son of Isaac Lewis and Helen Elizabeth (Edwards) Endress, was born Aug. 2, 1855, at Dansville, N. Y. He received his early education at the Dansville Seminary, and in 1872 entered the Pennsylvania Military Academy at Chester, Pa., in preparation for the United States naval service. The following year he secured his commission as cadet midshipman and entered the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., where he remained until December, 1875, when continued ill health obliged him to resign, while still in full standing in his class. For the following year he gave his attention almost entirely to the recovery of his health, merely occupying a part of his time as instructor and commandant of the military battalion at Dansville Seminary.

In the fall of 1876, he entered the sophomore class of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute at Troy, N. Y., and was graduated in June, 1879, with the degree of Civil Engineer, being the fourth in the direct line of his family ancestry who have been college-bred men. Deciding upon a business career, he removed to Jamestown soon after his marriage in 1879, and purchased the old established coal and building supply business of J. Baldwin, Jr., with which line of enterprise he has continued to be identified during the long intervening years to the present time (1921). In the early eighties he owned and operated a soft coal mine at Hilliards, Butler county, Pa., and for some years was a jobber and wholesaler of soft coal.

As chairman of the railway committee in 1886, he was instrumental in bringing the Chautauqua Lake Railroad to Jamestown. In 1886, when natural gas was piped into Jamestown, thus destroying temporarily the coal business, he devoted his attention to the development of electric lighting, then in its infancy, organizing and building the plant of the Jamestown Electric Light and Power Company. In 1888, he disposed of his interests in the electric business at Jamestown and was induced to visit the island of Cuba in the interest of the

Thompson-Houston Electric Company, as president of the Spanish Electric Company of Havana, made up of New York and Havana capitalists. He succeeded in introducing the "luz electrica," and was instrumental in lighting up the cities of Havana, Matanzas, Cardenas, Puerto Principe, and many of the great sugar plantations. After a two years' residence in Havana, he returned to Jamestown, finding his coal business much improved by the decreased consumption of gas.

His two years residence in Cuba enabled Colonel Endress to become familiar with the Spanish language and customs, and being so fortunate as to recover from an attack of yellow fever and thus rendered immune, found himself most favorably conditioned when the Spanish-American War began in 1898. At the outburst of that conflict, he at once volunteered his services and received from Governor Black a lieutenant-colonel's commission, with staff appointment. Throughout the five months of war, including the campaign in Porto Rico, he served as aide to Brigadier-General Gay V. Henry, U. S. Army, and has many gratifying evidences of the latter's appreciation of his soldierly services.

With the ending of hostilities, Colonel Endress returned to Jamestown and resumed his former business activities. About 1900, he became interested in association work, seeing the great benefits to the retail dealer which should come from organized effort. He was one of the organizers of the New York & Pennsylvania Retail Coal Association, of which he was its president during the five years of its greatest success, and in 1905 was elected president of the International Council of Coal Merchants, the executive head of all the retail coal associations in the United States and Canada, and reelected the following year.

In 1902, he erected an extensive cold storage and manufactured ice plant on his coal yard property, and in 1904 incorporated his entire business under the name of the Chautauqua Refrigerating Company, of which he was the president and sole owner. This plant has since been enlarged and the ice business developed until now it is the leading industry of its kind in the city. In 1917, finding corporation restrictions burdensome, he dissolved the corporation, taking back the business and operating it under his own name. During the eight years, from 1909 to 1917, he was engaged in the wholesale coal business under the name of Endress & Mitchell, operating throughout Western New York and Northwestern Pennsylvania. With the outbreak of the war with Germany, in the spring of 1917, Colonel Endress was made a member of the Home Defense Committee of Chautauqua County, and appointed county director of the military census, a work of considerable magnitude. At the same time he was elected chairman of the Chautauqua County Chapter, American Red Cross, charged with its reorganization on a war footing. The work of this chapter, with its handling of a quarter of a million dollars, is one of the brightest chapters in the war history of the county, its record placing it among the best chapters in the Atlantic Division, reflecting great credit on everyone connected with its management. In recognition of his work and ability, Colonel Endress has been unanimously reelected chairman ever since. Colonel Endress is an officer of the Military Order of the Porto Rican Expedition, and by inheri-







*Wm. Fitzhugh Endress*

CAPTAIN, CORPS OF ENGINEERS U.S.A.

tance, a member of the New York Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion. He is also a member of Camp Porter, United Spanish War Veterans, and belongs to the Army and Navy Club of America. During his entire life in Jamestown he has been a communicant and faithful member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, for many years a member of its vestry, and at present its senior warden.

He married, Aug. 27, 1879, Dora Elizabeth Willey, daughter of Charles B. Willey, of Dansville, N. Y., of French and Scotch descent, who died Dec. 21, 1912, leaving two children, viz.: William Fitzhugh, mentioned below; and Helen Elizabeth Chew, born Oct. 18, 1895, educated at the National Cathedral School of Washington, D. C., and married, June 16, 1919, to Frank Howard Field, of Sandusky, Ohio, whose parents were formerly residents of Louisville, Ky., descendants of the Buckners of Virginia. Mr. Field is a graduate of the University of Michigan with the degree of Mechanical Engineer, served in the navy during the World War as inspector of engineering materials, aeronautic United States Navy, in air-plane production, and is now assisting Colonel Endress as manager of his business interests. Mr. and Mrs. Field reside with Colonel Endress at No. 500 Pine street, Jamestown, and have one son, Richard Endress Field, born Oct. 30, 1920.

(XVII) Captain William Fitzhugh Endress, United States Army, son of Colonel William Fries Endress, was born in Dansville, N. Y., July 17, 1880. By priority of birth this boy became the child of his father's "Class of 1879" of the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. In recognition of this fact he was presented with the class cup, a beautiful chased silver cup, lined with gold and emblazoned with devices emblematical of the various branches of engineering science. Captain Endress spent most of his early life in Jamestown, attending the public and private schools and later took the course at Shattuck Military Academy at Faribault, Minn., graduating in 1908, being sergeant-major of the battalion. After a year spent at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (his father's alma mater), he secured the appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point from Congressman James W. Wadsworth, graduating in 1905, sixth in his class of 115. He chose the engineers and was promoted in the army second lieutenant, corps of engineers. He was promoted first lieutenant in 1907, and captain in 1913. His first assignment to duty was at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and afterwards at Washington Barracks, D. C., and in Cuba during both the first and second occupations. During the latter term he was in charge of the construction of a military road in Pinar del Rio Province, his work eliciting the following words of commendation from the commanding officer:

While in the work he displayed great energy and good judgment and showed qualities of mind and character unusual in so young a man. I always regretted that Cuba should not have had earlier the benefit of his services.

(Signed)

WILLIAM M. BLACK,

Colonel, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A.

(Afterwards Chief of Engineers).

He was a graduate of the Engineer School, class of 1908, and the following year was sent by the government to Cornell University for a special course of one year in mechanical and electrical engineering, from which

college he received the degree of M. E. in 1910. For the three years following he was stationed at Washington Barracks, Washington, D. C., as instructor and director of electrical and mechanical engineering at the Engineer School. In April, 1914, he was ordered to the Panama Canal Zone and made superintendent of the Gatun Locks, then approaching completion. His work was to organize a permanent working force, and to see to the operation and maintenance of the locks. Personally he put through the two first ocean-going steamers, the "Alliance" and the "Ancon," directing the operation himself from the bridge by a system of hand signals which he himself designed and which were subsequently adopted at the locks on the Pacific end, and are now used by all the pilots on the canal. The smooth and quiet operation of the locks has been commented upon by many visitors to the Isthmus, being in marked contrast to the noise and apparent confusion in evidence at most great locks throughout the world, this result being largely due to the discipline and efficiency of the force that Captain Endress organized. He was highly commended for his successful handling of the locks by his superior officer, Colonel Hodges, then acting governor of the Canal Zone, in his letters from which we quote:

Captain Endress was superintendent of Gatun Locks, in charge, first, of the completion and, later, of the operation of the lock-flight and all its appurtenant machinery and auxiliary structures. The work was arduous and complex; and demanded good administration capacity, as well as minute attention to detail. I remember being astonished at the rapidity with which he became familiar with the complicated machinery, and the mechanical skill which he showed in solving the unexpected problems which always accompany the installation and first operation of new devices. On this work he reached a high point of efficiency in a remarkably short time, a result which could not have been attained without unusual ability and application, or without conscientious and tireless devotion to his new duties. During all the time while he was in my division he displayed all those qualities in a marked degree; and I can well believe that, had he been content to spare himself as he might have done, his bodily strength would have endured with safety the strain of the illness which proved his last.

(Signed)

H. F. HODGES,

Colonel, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A.

(Member Panama Canal Commission).

From the many commendatory and appreciative testimonials from his commanding officers but one more quotation is selected, that from the builder of the canal, General George W. Goethals:

Captain Endress made an excellent record while on duty with the Canal. On account of his recognized ability and special qualifications in electrical engineering, I requested his detail by the War Department. He arrived on the Isthmus, April 27, 1914, and was at once assigned to duty as Superintendent of the Gatun Locks. In this position he was responsible for the proper maintenance and operation of the locks, including the organization and training of the required personnel. He was unremitting in his interest and industry, and faithfully gave the full measure of his unusual ability to the interests of his work.

(Signed)

GEO. W. GOETHALS,

Governor.

Captain Endress was relieved from duty at Gatun in May, 1915, and shortly after was put in command of Company M, 3rd Battalion of Engineers, with station at Corozal, Canal Zone. This company was part of the permanent garrison of the Canal Zone, and it was in the organization of this force, and the establishment of permanent quarters, together with the many duties pertaining to his

office as chief engineer of the United States forces in the Canal Zone, member of the Canal Defense Board, and other minor assignments, that Captain Endress undoubtedly overworked himself, which the enervating climate forbids, and which unquestionably had much to do with the non-resisting powers of his system to combat the attack of the final fatal disease. At the time of his death he was on his way north to get his family and take them back with him to his station at Corozal. Leaving Cristobal, Sept. 3, 1915, on the steamer "Allianca," of the Panama Railroad Line, he was stricken with the illness which culminated in an attack of pneumonia resulting in his death which occurred Sept. 7, 1915, while off Charleston, S. C. The remains were taken to Washington and interred in the National Cemetery at Arlington with full military honors, the grave being near the old Lee mansion, where an ancestor of Captain Endress lived, and but a few steps from the grave of General Guy V. Henry, whom Colonel Endress served as aide during the Spanish War. The Jamestown "Evening Journal" in an editorial under date of Sept. 9, 1915, said:

Captain Endress was a most earnest and capable army officer; as a student in the local schools and the military academy at West Point he ranked high, and in his service following his graduation he gave promise of great usefulness to his country. A young man of high ideals, of devotion to his country and his calling, he was ever ready to give the very best of himself even his life, for his country. His service with the army, and especially in the enervating tropical climate of the Panama Canal Zone, was as arduous and as important as it could possibly have been upon the field of battle, and the result shows that it was just as dangerous, and yet through it all he was the cheerful and gallant American officer, standing at the post of duty until relieved by the Great Commander of all human forces.

Captain Endress was married in Holy Trinity Cathedral, Havana, Cuba, Nov. 20, 1908, to Abby Van Buren Wright, of Chestertown, Md., and left four children: William Fitzhugh, born Jan. 3, 1910; James Wadsworth, born Jan. 12, 1911; Elizabeth, born Sept. 6, 1912; John Zacharias, born Sept. 20, 1914. One or more of them will doubtless follow their father's army career. The family is now (1921) living in Berkeley, Cal.

**GERRY WILLIAM COLGROVE**, county superintendent of poor, son of Albert H. and Anna (Sprague) Colgrove, was born in North East, Pa., Sept. 26, 1872.

He was educated in the public and high schools of Mayville, N. Y., and upon completing his studies was variously employed in farm work and in creameries and cheese factories in the neighborhood of Mayville, N. Y., until about 1900. He became sufficiently experienced in the manufacture of cheese and milk products to embark in business for himself, and in 1901 purchased the Waterman Cheese Factory located three miles north of Dewittville. He conducted this plant for five years and then disposed of the business, subsequently locating in Mayville. In 1910, he was appointed turnkey in the Mayville jail, also undersheriff, holding that position for eight years. In the latter part of 1917 he was designated by the county committee to fill the vacancy in office of superintendent of the poor for Chautauqua county to succeed the late Charles E. Dodge, and in the election of November, 1917, was elected by a good majority to this office and assumed

the duties thereof, Jan. 1, 1918. Again, in 1920, he was nominated and reelected for the ensuing term of three years. Since becoming superintendent of poor, Mr. Colgrove has brought about a number of needed improvements in the county buildings, electric lights were installed, and power is developed from the water system which in turn is supplied by reservoirs on the farm, thereby bringing about great economy. Numerous changes were made in the hospital and almshouse, thus accommodating more people and bettering the sanitary conveniences. The farm consists of 480 acres, half under cultivation, and 100 head of cattle are maintained.

Mr. Colgrove has at all times been interested in the general affairs of the community. He was at one time town collector for Chautauqua township, and held other minor offices. A Republican in politics, Mr. Colgrove has always served the best interests of the public in this affiliation. He is a thirty-second degree Mason, a member of Peacock Lodge, No. 696, of Mayville; Westfield Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Jamestown Commandery, Knights Templar; Buffalo Consistory, Supreme Princes of the Royal Secret; Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Mayville; Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Fraternal Order of Eagles, of Jamestown. He is a member of various social clubs in the county.

Mr. Colgrove married, March 6, 1901, in Summerdale, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Carry May Clark, daughter of Milton W. and Eliza (Stowell) Clark, old and highly respected residents of Summerdale. Mrs. Colgrove has always been interested in public movements and welfare work. She is a member of the Eastern Star Lodge and the Tuesday Club, both of Mayville. She has assisted Mr. Colgrove in his work in Mayville, and is at present (1921) matron of the County Home at Dewittville.

**WILLIAM EDGAR KING**—This review of the life of William Edgar King is a tribute to the memory of an able and successful lawyer, who was known and honored professionally in local and State courts, learned and eloquent, and had gained a clientele influential and devoted. Not only was Mr. King influentially identified with the legal fraternity, but as a citizen he was ever ready to do all in his power to promote the best welfare and the truest progress of Jamestown.

William Edgar King was born in Bladensburg, Ohio, where he attended the local public schools for a time, later moving to Huntington, W. Va., where he resided for a number of years and where he was admitted to the bar to practice law, later moving to Jamestown, N. Y., associating himself for a number of years with the late Judge V. E. Peckham. He had a broad, comprehensive grasp of all questions brought before him, being particularly well fitted for affairs requiring executive and administrative ability. Mr. King was a man endowed with a rarely vigorous and alert mentality, combined with an intense earnestness which made itself felt in every department of life in which he found scope for his energy. His sympathetic nature, warm heart and eminently social disposition drew around him a large circle of devoted friends, irrespective of profession, nationality or creed. Mr. King was a member of Crescent Lodge, Knights of



Pythias; Mt. Tabor Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. King married ———, and they were the parents of two sons: Ziba, of Sapulpa, Okla.; Edgar, who operates the farm near Akeley, Pa.

Mr. King for a year previous to his death, resided with his family on a farm near Akeley, Pa., but whenever he remained in the city over night he slept in a small room adjoining his law office, and it was here that his brother found him, he having passed away during the night. He had been in poor health for some time and he had been heard to say that he felt that the end was near, so ere he had approached the confines of old age this ceaselessly active man closed his fruitful and beneficent career. Jamestown was deprived of one of the ornaments of her legal fraternity and his friends, together with his family, suffered an inexpressible bereavement.

In a professional career of well-nigh thirty years, William Edgar King achieved a wide reputation, and from a man of his type much was still to be looked for. But while we say with sorrow "his sun has gone down while it is still day," we rejoice in the thought of the record which he left to his community, his family and his friends. Below is a tribute from the Jamestown Bar Association:

The Jamestown Bar Association assembles for the purpose of expressing regret over the death of its brother and comrade, William Edgar King.

This regret is relieved in part by the knowledge of his professional brethren that he made the sudden transition in accordance with the philosophic convictions which were the fruits of his thorough studies and ripe reflections.

He was a man of sterling worth; a quiet, unassuming gentleman; a loyal and devoted friend; a man of broad humanitarian instinct and devoted to the life of his family; his passing removes a genial comrade from the ranks of the profession.

Be it Resolved, therefore, by his brethren of the bar that this tribute to his memory be spread upon the minutes of this body and published in the press of the city and that the secretary be directed to deliver a suitable copy to the bereaved family.

**REV. PETER LOZZA**—In Chautauqua county, N. Y., there is quite a large Italian-American population, some hardly speaking any English, so their priest must of necessity be a native of Italy. Rev. Peter Lozza, the assistant rector of St. James' Catholic Church in Jamestown and the rector of Our Lady of Loretto, the Catholic church at Falconer, N. Y., is very near and dear to his parishioners, and it is to him they go with all their cares and troubles.

Peter Lozza was born in Casteggio, Italy, April 30, 1881, son of Charles and Mary Lozza, residents of that village. The boy's education began in the local grammar school and was continued in a private school, where the high school subjects were taught, the course extending over a period of five years. The young man was then eighteen years of age, and having a very decided preference for the priesthood, he entered the seminary at Tortona, Italy, where he was trained for that vocation. His novitiate continued for six years, at the termination of which he was ordained a priest in Tortona, May 30, 1905.

The young priest's first charge was as assistant to the rector of the Catholic church at Casteggio, where

he remained for three years, going from there to Novi Ligure as priest in charge, remaining in this village for two years, then being sent to Arena; these various charges covered a period of about seven years. In 1912, he came to the United States and immediately went to Jamestown, N. Y., where he was stationed for two years, going from that city to be rector of two churches at Hulburton, N. Y., St. Rocco and St. Lucy. His next charge was the Church of Ss. Peter and Paul at Brockville, N. Y. In January, 1915, Father Lozza went to Buffalo to become assistant rector in the Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and at St. Lucy's Church. All his former parishioners had been composed of Italians, but his Buffalo churches were not Italians. He next was returned to Jamestown, Feb. 10, 1918, and is connected with St. James' Church and has charge of the church at Falconer. Father Lozza is devoted to his religion, and holds the esteem and confidence of his people. He is an earnest worker and a great student. His only relative is a sister, Tressa by name, who is living in Italy.

**DR. FLOYD WARNER HAYES**, who is one of the most prominent of the younger physicians of Jamestown, Chautauqua county, N. Y., where he has an office at No. 211 Main street, is a son of John B. and Ida L. (Warner) Hayes, old and highly respected residents of the town of Gerry, N. Y., where the former owns a large farm.

Dr. Floyd Warner Hayes was born on this farm at Gerry, Jan. 6, 1890, and as a lad attended the district schools in the county and later the Jamestown High School, from which he graduated in the year 1909. He was prepared for college at that institution, and having determined upon the profession of medicine as a career in life entered the medical school of the University of Buffalo. From this institution he was graduated with the class of 1914, taking his degree as doctor of medicine at the same time, and immediately afterwards went to Pittsburgh, Pa., where he entered the South Side Hospital, in order to take special courses in surgery. Upon completing these studies, Dr. Hayes came directly to Jamestown, and here began the practice of his profession, it being his intention to specialize to a certain extent in surgical work. He had been thus engaged for about one year, when the United States entered the great World War, whereupon Dr. Hayes offered his services to his country and was commissioned, June 29, 1917, a first lieutenant in medical corps, 116th Field Artillery. He was sent to Fort Benjamin Harrison as a member of the Medical Officers' Training Camp, and from there to Spartansburg, Va. He continued with the same unit for nine months, and was then sent to Newport News, Va., to embark for France. He took ship for that country, June 6, 1918. He landed in France, June 19, 1918, was stationed at Bordeaux for four weeks, and from there was sent to the artillery range at St. Souge in order to take the six weeks' course there. Here he came into contact with the actual front and did surgeon's work at that place and at Chateau-Thierry. He also held the position of camp sanitary inspector. He was engaged in active duty at St. Michael Boute from Sept. 13 to 19, and later in the Argonne battle until the signing of the

Armistice on Nov. 11, 1918. On Dec. 14 he was sent to Verdun, where he remained four days, and then to the embarkation camp at Le Maus. He left there on March 1, 1919, for Brest, and on March 4, 1919, sailed for the United States, where he arrived nine days later. He was honorably discharged from the service, March 31, 1919, holding a commission as captain at that time.

Since then Dr. Hayes has resumed the practice of his profession at Jamestown, and is already recognized as one of the capable physicians of the region. He is a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, the Royal Arch Masons, the Royal and Select Masters, the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, the Sovereign Princes of the Royal Secret, and has taken the thirty-second degree in Free Masonry. He is also a member of the Chadakoim Club, the Psi Epsilon Psi and the Theta Epsilon, college fraternities, the Monks Club, the Jamestown Medical Society, the New York State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association. He has recently joined the American Legion, the society founded for all those connected with the military service of the United States in the great war. Dr. Hayes is not affiliated with any political society, but is an independent voter, preferring not to be swayed by partisan considerations in forming his judgments on public issues and candidates. Dr. Hayes is not married.

**JAMES D. WOODARD**, one of the most prominent business men of Jamestown, Chautauqua county, N. Y., where he has been active for a number of years in various enterprises, is a native of Warren county, Pa., a son of Jed and Amelia (Green) Woodard, old and highly respected residents there.

Mr. Woodard's education was received in the public schools of his native region, which he attended until he had reached the age of fifteen years, when he abandoned his studies and began work as a clerk in a general store in the locality. Then he learned the tailor's trade at Youngsville, Pa., and later the finishing trade at Sugar Grove, Pa., being employed by Gustave Anderson, for whom he continued to work at the close of his apprenticeship. He also was employed as a tailor by George Ball Company of Warren, Pa., where he worked on the bench and learned cutting. The young man then went West and for a time lived at Columbus, Ohio, where he secured employment with Samuel Goodman as a cutter and drafter of patterns. He worked at that establishment as a second cutter employed in the manufacture of uniforms which were made for the Panhandle. From there young Mr. Woodard went to Erie, Pa., where he worked as a tailor for William Betts, in Park Row, and at the Reed House. Eventually he returned to Warren and worked for George Ball as head cutter until the year when, in association with Mr. Henry Lesser, the head clerk of the same establishment, he opened a similar business on his own account under the firm name of Woodard & Lesser. This enterprise was carried on at Warren and the concern dealt in furnishings, etc., doing the largest business of its kind that had ever been transacted in that place. Mr. Woodard and his partner started with a capital of but \$3,000, but in spite of large expenses were able to meet all their obligations in the first year and did more business than any other firm in the locality. They continued in this

business from 1889 until 1893; at the latter date the death of Mr. Lesser occurred at Buffalo, where he was stationed temporarily on a buying trip, after which Mr. Woodard continued the business alone for two years longer. At that time, however, his health was very poor and he sold out his interest and secured a position with the Warren Street Railway and was given charge as supervisor of three miles of the city track. He was raised in position rapidly until he had charge of forty-two miles of track and was secretary of the concern. He also became interested in the business of the company, in the capacity of stockholder, but upon his retirement sold out this interest, and in 1911 came to Jamestown, with which place his subsequent career has been associated.

Upon coming to Jamestown, Mr. Woodard purchased the Humphrey House, one of the popular hostleries of the place, and ran this hotel with great success, after having entirely refurnished and altered the interior and installed all model conveniences. For a time Mr. Woodard rented the hotel to another manager, then in February, 1919, again took over the management, and is at the present time conducting it in the most modern and up-to-date manner and making a splendid success of it. In the meantime, Mr. Woodard had founded the Warren Construction Company at Warren, Pa., and secured the contract for the building of the Trust Company building and also a number of theaters and factories in Jamestown, and the surrounding region. It was he who erected the Gokey building, after the completion of which job he disposed of his interests in the concern. Shortly before coming to Jamestown, he had purchased the Fenton farm at Fentonville, which he has conducted in such a manner as to supply his hotel. Quite recently Mr. Woodard became interested in a traction company and at the present time holds the double office of president and general manager. Another enterprise established by Mr. Woodard is the Woodard Clothing Company at Warren, Pa., which was incorporated in 1917 under its present title, and now conducts a large business in Jamestown in addition to the original location, his quarters in this city being established in a handsome brick building. Mr. Woodard is the president of this corporation, and the large business which he conducts is directly the result of his business talent and his great grasp of practical affairs. Still another concern in which he has become interested, comparatively recently, is the Community Trade Center, the purpose of which was to develop the Brooklyn Square section of the city. This concern was incorporated in 1919 and Mr. Woodard was elected its president. The object of this corporation is to furnish a market for all enterprises coming to Jamestown to transact business, and it is particularly interested in developing the Brooklyn Square section of the city. Other concerns with which Mr. Woodard is associated are the Woodard Company and the Brooklyn Square Realty Corporation. In addition to his business life, Mr. Woodard has participated actively in the general affairs of the community, and is a member of a number of important organizations here, including the Masonic order, being affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, the Royal Arch Masons, the Royal and Select Masters, the Knights



Templar, the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, the Sovereign Princes of the Royal Secret, and has taken the thirty-second degree in Free Masonry. He is also a member of the Board of Commerce of Jamestown, the Board of Commerce of Warren, Pa., and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Warren, of which he is past exalted ruler.

James D. Woodard was united in marriage at Warren, Pa., with Leonia J. Nesmith, of that place. Three children have been born of this union, as follows: Clifford, a graduate of the Harvard University, where he won the degree of A. B. and A. M., and now treasurer of the Woodard Company, community trades; Bernice, a graduate of Wellesley College, who became the wife of Chauncey W. Lampsell, of Minneapolis, Minn.; Lloyd, who is now a pupil in the High School at Warren, Pa.

**FRED H. HOOKER**—That this is the name of a pioneer agriculturist and, consequently, a leading citizen of Charlotte Center, no resident of that part of Chautauqua county needs to be told. Mr. Hooker is actively public-spirited, and for some years served most creditably as justice of the peace.

Charles J. Hooker, father of Fred H. Hooker, was born in 1837, at Londonderry, Vt., son of John and Sarah E. (Warner) Hooker. When the boy was six years old his parents moved to Erie county, N. Y., and it was there that he grew to manhood, attending school in Sardinia. He learned candy manufacturing and engaged in it for some years, his business career being interrupted by the Civil War. Enlisting in Company C, 116th New York Volunteers, he served until the close of the conflict. He was a Democrat, a Mason, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Hooker married, in 1864, in Montgomery county, N. Y., Mary Wilks, born in Sardinia, N. Y., daughter of Rufus and Emma (Starks) Wilks, and they became the parents of two children: John Walter, a farmer of Charlotte township; and Fred H., mentioned below. Mr. Hooker died Feb. 15, 1875, at Springville, Erie county, N. Y., and his widow married (second) James Whatford, of Chautauqua county, becoming by this marriage the mother of the following children: James, of Oil City, Pa.; Mary, married G. Summer; and Agnes, married Frank Conklin, of Tidioute, Pa.

Fred H. Hooker, son of Charles J. and Mary (Wilks) Hooker, was born Nov. 13, 1868, at Sardinia, N. Y. He received his education in local public schools and at Jamestown Business College. He learned the carpenter's trade and followed it for seven years, settling, at the end of that time, in Charlotte Center, where he engaged for fifteen years in the making of cheese boxes, in combination with the lumber business. Eventually he settled at the Center, on the Kimbel farm, remaining until the present time. Today he is an established agriculturist among the farmers of the neighborhood as the manager of one of the finest estates in the county, developed largely by his individual efforts. The land is devoted to general and dairy farming, and he is still interested in the lumber business and in timberlands.

Not only as an agriculturist is Mr. Hooker to be regarded as a man of enterprise and progressive ideas, but also as a citizen he exhibits the same characteris-

tics, being always eager to do all in his power for the furtherance of the general prosperity. Like his father he is a loyal Democrat, and for eight years filled the office of justice of the peace of the township. He is a member of Centre Grange, No. 609, and affiliates with the Masonic fraternity. His family attend the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Hooker married, June 26, 1895, at Charlotte Center, Carrie E., daughter of Horace E. and Ellen C. (Lake) Kimbel. A full account of the Kimbel family is appended to this biography. Mr. and Mrs. Hooker are the parents of one child, Mary Ellen, now attending school. Mr. and Mrs. Hooker are mutually devoted to each other and to their daughter and the hours which bring greatest happiness to both are those spent at their own fireside.

Of large nature, genial and whole-souled, Mr. Hooker enjoys marked personal popularity, also commanding the sincere respect of his neighbors and fellow-citizens by the public spirit and strict integrity which have characterized his every action and manifested themselves in all his dealings.

(The Kimbel Line).

Stephen Kimbel, the first ancestor of record, and a representative of one of the oldest and best known families of New England, was a resident of Woodstock, Conn.

Horace Kimbel, son of Stephen Kimbel, married Caroline Stewart, and died in early manhood.

Horace E. Kimbel, son of Horace and Caroline (Stewart) Kimbel, was born May 27, 1834, in Woodstock, Windham county, Conn., and was still an infant when death deprived him of his father. In 1837 Mrs. Kimbel, accompanied by her father-in-law, left Woodstock and moved to Chautauqua county, N. Y., settling in the town of Gerry. In 1855 Horace E. Kimbel removed to Charlotte Center, where he was employed by Henry C. Lake. Later he was associated with Mr. Lake in the manufacturing of wood mills, a pioneer industry in the period immediately prior to the Civil War. Subsequently Mr. Kimbel settled on the farm owned by Mr. Lake, making it his home for the remainder of his life. As the years went on he became known not only as a successful agriculturist, but also as one of the leading "horsemen" of Western New York, owning and raising fine blooded race horses, and distinguished on the race track at Saratoga, Brighton Beach and Coney Island. Among the horses owned by him were "Bramballetta," "Boccaccio," "Carley B.," and others of equal fame, and he numbered among his racing friends the late James R. Keene, the Dwyer brothers, and other noted turfmen. In politics Mr. Kimbel was a staunch Democrat and served two terms as supervisor of Charlotte township, filling the office much to the satisfaction of all good citizens. He affiliated with Sylvan Lodge, No. 303, Free and Accepted Masons, of Sinclairville.

Mr. Kimbel married, April 12, 1860, Ellen C. Lake, born Nov. 9, 1833, at Charlotte Center, daughter of Daniel B. and Elvira (Boynton) Lake, and they became the parents of the following children: 1. Charles E., married Ellen J. Dibble, and died in 1886; their only child, Ellen, married Robert Fessenden, and died in 1881. 2. Carrie E., mentioned below. Mrs. Kimbel,

a woman of culture and refinement and possessing literary gifts of an unusual order, was well known as a contributor of both prose and verse to the magazines of the day, and withal was a most devoted wife and mother, exemplifying in her daily life all the Christian virtues. On Feb. 28, 1910, she passed from the home of which she had so long been the beloved and presiding genius. The death of Mr. Kimbel, which occurred Dec. 11, 1917, at his home in Charlotte Center, deprived the community of an able, useful and respected citizen.

Carrie E. Kimbel, daughter of Horace E. and Ellen C. (Lake) Kimbel, became the wife of Fred H. Hooker, as stated above. Mrs. Hooker, who inherits the rare intelligence and refined tastes of her mother, is a member of Centre Grange. It may be said of her that in public spirit she bears a resemblance to her father who combined with this trait of character the utmost devotion to his family.

**JOHN HEDENBERG FOSTER**, nurseryman and prominent business man of Fredonia, Chautauqua county, N. Y., where he has been influential in the general life of the community for a number of years, is a native of this town, born Feb. 16, 1867. He is a member of a family that has long resided in these parts. His paternal great-grandfather, Elisha Foster, kept a tavern at the State Line between New York and Pennsylvania, and was honored at one time by having as a guest no less a personage than General Lafayette, who stopped there during the Revolution. The chair in which that illustrious personage sat while eating his meals is still in the possession of the present Mr. Foster.

Henry Abell Foster, father of John H. Foster, was born in Fredonia, then Pomfret, in 1818, but left his home early and was employed to drive a stage coach from Buffalo, N. Y., to Erie, Pa., so continuing for many years. He was the first man to drive across Lake Erie with a horse and cutter when that body of water was frozen, a feat which can rarely be accomplished, as it requires an unusually cold winter for the ice to stretch from shore to shore. After leaving the stage coach business, Henry A. Foster went to Terre Haute, Ind., where he engaged in the wholesale and retail dry goods business for a term of five years with his two brothers-in-law. Later he was a traveling salesman for the Chicago White Lead and Oil Company for the long period of forty-five years. He was a veteran of the Civil War, serving in the engineering corps for two years, during which time many of the important battles were fought. He married Sarah H. Hedenberg.

John Hedenberg Foster was educated in the Fredonia public schools and later the Fredonia Normal School. He then secured a position as foreman, when still a very young man, with the Lewis Roesch Nursery, where he remained for seventeen years. By that time he was in a position to start in business on his own account, and in association with a Mr. Griffith founded the Foster-Griffith Nursery Company. Mr. Griffith, however, retired from this association, and in 1912 the Foster-Cooke Nursery Company was organized. Mr. Foster purchased his partner's interest and became the sole proprietor of the plant in 1920, when the name of the concern was changed to the J. H. Foster Nurseries. This plant is a large one, consisting of some fifteen

acres whereon are erected buildings measuring 50x80 feet and two stories in height. The growth of the business has necessitated the renting of twenty-five additional acres recently. The company engages in wholesale business entirely and specializes in grape, gooseberry and currant roots. During the busy season thirty-five hands are employed. Mr. Foster is a Presbyterian in his religious belief and attends the church of that denomination at Fredonia. He is a member of a number of organizations here, fraternal and otherwise, including Chautauqua Lodge, No. 318, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is past noble grand; and Star of the West Encampment, No. 35, of the same order, of which he is past chief patriot; Forest Lodge, No. 166, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; the Fredonia Chamber of Commerce, and the National Nurserymen's Association. Mr. Foster is a Democrat in politics and has taken active part in the public life of the community. He has held a number of offices including that of school trustee and has been president of the board for six years.

John Hedenberg Foster was united in marriage, July 7, 1892, with Elizabeth Dietrich, of Dunkirk, and they became the parents of four children, as follows: 1. John Henry, who died at the age of nine years. 2. Oliver Dietrich, who was educated in the Fredonia public schools; he was called to the National colors, April 4, 1918, and sent to Camp Dix, where he remained one month; he then embarked for France with his unit and was in a training camp in that country until July 7, of the same year; he was then assigned to the 78th division and went into the front line trenches; he participated in three of the great battles on three different fronts, and saw active service until the night of Sept. 28, when he was gassed; he remained in the hospital for some time, and was sent back to the United States, being discharged at Camp Upton, March 10, 1919. 3. Julia A., who was educated in the Fredonia public schools and the State Normal College, and took a special course in music under Professor Gaump, of Buffalo; she now gives private lessons on the piano at the State Normal Gymnasium. 4. Hedenberg Abell, who is at present a student in the Normal School.

**HAROLD PERRY HOYT**, formerly a prominent merchant and farmer of Maple Springs, Chautauqua county, N. Y., now (1921) living in Westfield and connected with the Nickel Plate Railroad, was born Jan. 25, 1895, in Maple Springs, Ellery township, a son of Charles D. and Jessie (Haskin) Hoyt, also natives of Maple Springs. Charles D. Hoyt was a successful farmer in the neighborhood for many years.

Harold P. Hoyt passed his childhood and early youth on his father's farm, attended the public schools of his native town and later the Mayville High School, there completing his studies. He then took up agriculture as a means of livelihood, soon meeting with success. Later he opened a general store, in connection with his brother, L. D. Hoyt, in Maple Springs, which they conducted for four years, until the fall of 1920, when he sold his interest to his brother. During the World War he entered the service of his government, Sept. 27, 1917, and became a member of Battery A, 307th Field Artillery. After a period of training in





*J. V. Foster*



this country, he embarked with his unit for France and saw active service for a year with the American Expeditionary Forces. He finally received his honorable discharge, May 22, 1919, and returned to civil life at his home in Maple Springs. He is a member of Ira Lou Spring Post, American Legion, of Jamestown. He attends Union Church at Maple Springs, and is a Republican in politics.

Harold P. Hoyt married, Sept. 20, 1919, in Dunkirk, N. Y., Mildred M. Brown, a native of Ellery township, N. Y., born March 25, 1895, a daughter of Ira H. and Belle (Haskins) Brown, lifelong residents of Ellery township. Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt are the parents of one child, Harold Perry, Jr., born Oct. 28, 1920.

**AXEL VICTOR GRAFSTROM**—Among all the many callings pursued by men in this complex modern world, it is probably the professions that require the greatest amount of effort and devotion on the part of their followers in proportion to the return, and of the professions there are few, if any, in which a real and substantial success involves a larger expenditure of these things or a higher quality of self sacrifice to its cause than medicine. The nature of the needs to which the physician attends is such that it necessitates his putting aside thoughts of self and the giving of his entire powers and being to the case in hand. It would be difficult to find one who more conscientiously lives up to the hard conditions imposed by his altruistic calling than Dr. Axel Victor Grafstrom, a distinguished physician of Jamestown, Chautauqua county, N. Y., who has made an enviable position for himself in the regard, admiration and affection of the community which he has served so long and so well.

Dr. Grafstrom is a native of Sweden, born in Asterodthland, Sept. 30, 1858. His father was Colonel Carl Axel Grafstrom, an officer in the Royal Swedish Army, and his mother was Cecilia W. (Holmstrom) Grafstrom, a woman of high character and charming personality. Besides himself, his parents had another son, Edward Grafstrom, who came to the United States and was employed by the Santa Fe Railroad as superintendent of machine shops and was drowned during the overflow of the Kansas river at Topeka, Kan., after displaying the greatest heroism in saving many others from the flood. So greatly honored was he for his courage and self sacrifice, that the community of Topeka has erected a monument to him in the city to perpetuate his memory there.

The childhood of Dr. Grafstrom was passed in his native region, and it was there that he began his educational training, attending for that purpose the local schools. He then entered Orebro College, and was graduated from that institution with the class of 1879, receiving the degree of B. S. Later he took a course of study at the Royal Army College at Carlberg, Sweden, and was graduated in 1881, receiving at the same time his commission as second lieutenant. In 1885, he came to the United States and here attended the University of New York, taking the medical course and graduating with the degree of M. D., in 1893. In order to gain the requisite practical experience he served as an interne in the New York City Hospital at Blackwell's Island for two years, from 1895 to 1897. He was appointed, in

1900, attending physician in the Gustavus Adolphus Orphan Home, and continued to fill that responsible post until 1904. It was in 1904 that Dr. Grafstrom first came to Jamestown and engaged in private practice here, and ever since that time he has continued to be thus occupied, performing during the period a great service to the community by his brilliant and consistent labors, and winning the esteem of his fellow-citizens and professional colleagues alike as one of the leading physicians of the community. Dr. Grafstrom, in addition to his active practice, has written extensively on medical subjects, contributing articles to the New York "Medical Times" and the New York "Medical Journal," and has become an author of wide repute and high standing in the medical world. Among his works should be mentioned a text book on "Mechano-Therapy," which is regarded as an authoritative treatment of the subject, especially in Sweden, the United States and Canada, it being published by Sanders & Company of Philadelphia and Toronto. Another field in which Dr. Grafstrom has performed a notable achievement is that of light literature. He has written many stories for several of the Swedish periodicals, and a longer work in that language, entitled "Skanska Baron," published at Stockholm, Sweden, in 1914.

Dr. Grafstrom is a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Lief Ericson Society, and the Swedish One Hundred Society. In religious belief he is a Lutheran and attends Trinity Church of that denomination in Jamestown.

Dr. Grafstrom was united in marriage, at Jamestown, with Julia Anderson, a daughter of Charles and Josephine Anderson, old and highly respected residents of this city. They are the parents of one son, Paul Axel, born Sept. 2, 1911.

**SAMUEL B. ROBBINS**—One of the most progressive young business men to be found in Jamestown or, indeed, in Chautauqua county, is Samuel B. Robbins. As proprietor of the Eagle Garage, Mr. Robbins is a conspicuous figure in his home city, being also well known in fraternal circles, and as a champion of the cause of good government and improved community conditions.

Samuel B. Robbins was born Aug. 14, 1887, in Utica, N. Y., a son of Julius and Hannah Robbins. He was educated in local grammar and high schools, and as a youth became a traveling salesman for the Rochester Jewelry Company. While stopping in Jamestown his business insight discerned an opportunity and, with the modest capital of \$200 and an equipment of one Ford car, he established the Eagle Garage on Barrett avenue, and for one year thereafter was agent for the Ford car. In 1909 he took as a partner, George Rappole, who endorsed a note for \$1,200 and incorporated the business for \$20,000 under the laws of the State of New York. In 1910 the partners moved to First street, opposite Broadhead Mills, and in July, 1913, made another migration, this time to their present quarters in the structure of the Eagle Building Company, Washington street. Here they have a fine showroom and offices built to meet their requirements. In 1913 they took an agency for the Hudson automobile, and in 1917 for the Packard and Essex cars, and for the last two years

their annual sales have amounted to \$300,000. Mr. Robbins also has a wholesale auto supply department, with two men on the road, covering a radius of 150 miles. He has a large service station, employing thirty-two men and three salesmen, the office force amounting to ten people. Politically, Mr. Robbins is a Republican. He is a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the W. C. T. A man of great initiative and aggressiveness, Mr. Robbins has made a signal success in business, and as he is not yet in the prime of life may reasonably be expected to achieve in the future even more than he has accomplished in the past.

Mr. Robbins married, in 1913, in Jamestown, Dorothy

**EDWIN FREEMAN LAKE**—For nearly three-quarters of a century Mr. Lake has been a resident of Chautauqua county, and has been an important factor in its substantial development and permanent improvement. He has seen its wild lands transformed into fine farms, while industrial and commercial interests have been introduced, and thus towns have become thriving cities. In the work of this progress he bore his part and was particularly active as a representative of the agricultural interests of the county, though he is now living a retired life in the village of Sinclairville, enjoying a well earned rest. Mr. Lake was born on the Lake farm, in Charlotte township, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Aug. 20, 1836, a son of Daniel and Elvira (Boynton) Lake.

Henry Lake (grandfather), pioneer ancestor of the Lake family in Chautauqua county, emigrated from Rockingham, Vt., where he had married and had a large family. Among these children were five sons: Nathan, Calvin, Luther, Freeman, and Daniel, all of whom came to Chautauqua county and settled in Charlotte township.

Daniel Lake (father) was born in Rockingham, Vt., in 1802, where he received his education. After completing his studies, he accepted a position as teacher in the schools of Lancaster, Pa. His four brothers having previously settled in Charlotte township, Mr. Lake came on foot from Lancaster, Pa., and joined them here. He purchased a tract of 145 acres of land, which at that time was all woodland. However, he returned to Lancaster, Pa., and continued his teaching for several months, returning later to his new home. In the years that followed Mr. Lake cleared his land and his farm was considered one of the best in Charlotte township. He died on his farm in Charlotte Center, July 4, 1878, at the advanced age of seventy-six years, and is buried in Charlotte Center Cemetery, Charlotte township, Chautauqua county, N. Y.

Edwin Freeman Lake, whose name is the caption of this article, received his early education in the district schools of Charlotte township, and after completing the studies of the grammar and high schools, took a course in the Fredonia Academy. He accepted a position to teach in Charlotte and Sheridan townships, continuing in this occupation for three terms. Mr. Lake resigned, however, in order to assist his father on the farm, in which occupation he continued until 1915, when he sold his farm, since which time he has lived retired. As a

Democrat, Mr. Lake has taken a prominent part in local politics, serving for three years as town highway commissioner; ten years as township assessor, and was supervisor of the township for twelve years, at the end of which time he resigned. Mr. Lake is prominent in fraternal circles as well as in business circles, being a charter member of Charlotte Center Grange, No. 669, of which he was the first master. He was fire director for Charlotte Center Grange in the Chautauqua County Patrons' Fire Relief Association for twenty-five years, and its president for ten years, but not being able to continue the work he resigned.

On Feb. 7, 1859, he was united in marriage with Mary E. Brooks, born in Dublin, N. H., a daughter of John and Adaline Brooks. Her death occurred June 24, 1903, and she is buried in Charlotte Center Cemetery, Charlotte Center, Chautauqua county, N. Y. Three children came to bless this union: 1. Daniel F., who married Dora Bumpus, of Charlotte township, and they are the parents of four children: Nellie, Dora, Mildred and Grace. They reside in Buffalo. 2. Addie, who married (first) Fred Thompson, and they were the parents of one child, Hattie. She married (second) Squire Green, of Charlotte township, and they were the parents of three children: Richard, Lizzie, and Isabell. 3. George E., who married Bernice Reed, and they are the parents of two children: Agnes, who is a school teacher, and Edwin S., who is still a student.

In concluding this article we will say that although Mr. Lake came to this community with but little capital, he is now fairly well-to-do, and is one of the leading and influential citizens of the town of Sinclairville. Whatever he has accomplished and whatever success he has achieved is due to his own enterprise, indomitable energy, and his well directed labors.

**THE FREDONIA-SALSINA CANNING COMPANY**—One of the most important factors in the industrial life of Fredonia, Chautauqua county, N. Y., is the Fredonia-Salsina Canning Company, which, despite the fact that it has been in existence for little more than four years, has grown to large proportions under the capable and farsighted management of its owners. The Fredonia-Salsina Canning Company was founded in the spring of 1916 by a group of young Italian business men of this city, all of whom had already scored success in the several lines of business in which they had been engaged previously. Each one of these young men had through thrift and economy saved up enough capital and were prepared to organize this industrial establishment for themselves. They were Antonio A. Gugino, who with his cousins, Nicholas Frank and Samuel C. Gugino, had resided in the United States for about thirty years. Then besides these there were a number of others, namely: Joseph Cristina, Charles Leone and Anthony Ballaglia. All had gained considerable experience in the business methods of their adopted country. A planing mill was purchased at first, the buildings proving suitable for canning purposes, and the ground site measuring about 150x110 feet. They at once set about improving the buildings, removing the old planing machinery and equipping them with the most modern and up-to-date mechanism for canning. A company was then organized and operations com-



menced, which for the first year proved rather slow in getting started. The young men were in no wise discouraged, however, realizing that it would take a little time to become used to their new line of business and place it on a solid foundation. The result has been remarkable, and the concern is now widely known throughout the entire region. During the busy season which has just closed (1920), the concern showed an exceedingly healthy growth, and fifty hands were employed in taking care of the work. The buildings, two stories in height, have been a veritable beehive for activity, and enormous quantities of canned goods have been turned out which have found a market in all parts of the United States. The company specializes in two high grade brands of goods, namely, the "Skylark" and "Bluebird," in which an unusually high standard of excellence is maintained, and these two brands have been taken in advance by the jobbers of New York City, Chicago, Boston and Philadelphia. In this busy plant are canned tomato products, apples, berries, fruits, besides quantities of cider. The growth of the concern has made its owners contemplate many improvements, enlargements and additions in the near future, which seems to insure them a brilliant success; each one of the partners has his separate task and duty to perform and cares for one particular branch of the business, Antonio A. Gugino being the general manager and in charge of the plant. Some of the former members have withdrawn from the company, and it is now conducted by Antonio A. Gugino, president and general manager, and Samuel C. Gugino, treasurer. They incorporated for \$40,000 capital stock, Feb. 11, 1920.

Antonio A. Gugino was born in Validillomo, Italy, Feb. 28, 1887. At the age of six years, he came to this country with his parents and immediately afterwards they established themselves in Fredonia, N. Y. He was educated in the public schools of Fredonia, and in 1901 started to work for the United States Canning Company and continued for twelve years. His next employment was with the Cudahy Packing Company, where he had charge of the machinery in the grape juice, jam and jelly department, and here remained five more years, these two plants being located in the canning district of Fredonia. Mr. Gugino gained a wide knowledge of the science of canning and preserving which helped him so much in the organization of his own company. He is a trustee of St. Anthony's Beneficial Society, and member of that church in Fredonia. He married, in 1908, in Fredonia, Mary Gangi, a native of the same city as her husband. They have two children, Vincent and Florence.

Samuel C. Gugino, cousin of Antonio A. Gugino, was born in Validillomo, Italy, Dec. 27, 1883. He came to this country with his parents at the age of nine years, and at once the family came to Fredonia, N. Y. He was educated in the public schools of Fredonia, and 1901 likewise became employed by the United States Canning Company, where he remained three years, subsequently going with the George S. Joslin Nursery, remaining for the next twelve years. Here he had charge of a number of men and gained much experience in this line of business. He was next employed by the Cudahy Packing Company for a period in Fredonia, and in 1916 he went into the manufacturing of macaroni products in James-

town, N. Y., withdrawing from this business in 1917, and then joined the Fredonia-Salsina Canning Company. Mr. Gugino is a member of St. Anthony's Church of Fredonia. He married, in Fredonia, 1907, Josephine Camaratta, a native of Validillomo. Mr. and Mrs. Gugino have five children; Lucy, Charles, Grace, Carrie and Antoinette.

**JOHN H. DICKIE**—A man well known for his active and upright life, and also by reason of his services rendered to the Union cause during the Civil War, was John H. Dickie, of Charlotte township, Chautauqua county, N. Y., who had been identified during the last few years with useful and important business interests in Michigan, Kansas, and Western New York.

He was the son of Henry and Marie (Smith) Dickie, and was born in Climax, Kalamazoo county, Mich. He grew to manhood on the farm, received his education in the public schools of that township, and when the call to arms came in 1861 he immediately offered his services to the government. Mr. Dickie enlisted in the Michigan cavalry under Colonel Javell, and was soon promoted to quartermaster sergeant. He remained in the army for three years and three months, and in 1864 was honorably discharged at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. After returning home, he immediately started in business, opening a hardware store at Augusta, Mich. Mr. Dickie remained in this business some time, and in 1879 moved to Kansas, locating at Topeka, where he again took up the hardware business. However, in 1881, his health failed him and he was forced to abandon this occupation, and in 1882 he came to Chautauqua county, N. Y., where he located in Charlotte township on the Fox farm, which had been the girlhood home of his wife. Here he took up farming and dairying, and in a short while was known throughout the township as a man whose business ability was unquestioned and a prosperous and influential agriculturist. Mr. Dickie continued in this occupation until his demise, which occurred Jan. 1, 1898. Mr. Dickie was also well known socially, being a prominent member of the Grange, and a member of the Baptist church, though he attended the Methodist Episcopal church of Charlotte Center. In politics he was a Republican, though in local affairs he voted for the men and measures he thought were for the interests of all the people.

On the Fox homestead, May 29, 1871, Mr. Dickie was united in marriage with Ellen Fox, who was born in Charlotte township, a daughter of George W. and Eliza (Hall) Fox. Mr. Fox came to Chautauqua county with his parents, Charles and Sylvia Fox, and settled on a farm near Charlotte Center, Chautauqua county, N. Y., and there followed the agricultural business, and was prominent in all social and business affairs throughout the township. In politics he was a staunch supporter of the Democratic party. Mr. Fox married (first) in Cherry Valley, N. Y., Eliza Hall; she died and is buried in Charlotte Cemetery. He married (second) Margaret Kiane, who died in Meadville, Pa. To Mr. and Mrs. Dickie was born one child, Mabel, who married John Rose, now postmaster of Sinclairville. She died leaving a son, Gerald M. Rose, who resides with his grandmother on the Fox homestead.

In conclusion will say that Mr. Dickie was hospitable and generous, and no man greeted or entertained his friends with warmer cordiality. He was intelligent, honest, genial and straightforward, of strong force of character, of sound judgment, true to every trust confided to his care, and a good citizen in the true meaning of the term. When he died the community sustained a loss that will be hard to replace.

**JAMES THOMAS BARNES**, well-to-do farmer in Portland township, Chautauqua county, N. Y., comes of one of the pioneer families of that section of the county, his grandfather having taken up wild lands in Portland township, Prospect Station, more than a century ago, and having lived for almost twenty years in a log house. His mother also was of a pioneer family of that township, her father, Thomas Bigelow, having come into the section about eight years after the grandfather of James Thomas Barnes came. Both families in succeeding generations have held to that district and are among its leading people. Alpha and James T. Barnes, father and son, held the postmastership at Prospect Station for thirty years, and James T. Barnes, besides owning a rich farm of 225 acres and one of the most extensive vineyards in the district, has during his life conducted much commercial business, consequential business, for at one time he was the leading coal merchant of Prospect Station and Westfield township and village, his trading being of both a wholesale and retail character, and as a grape buyer he still does extensive business during the season, his purchases in some years exceeding seven carloads weekly, and at one time he was reputed to be one of the largest buyers of apples in the county. It will therefore be realized that, apart from the association of the Barnes family with the early settlement of a section of Chautauqua county, his own activities have been of sufficient consequence to give him good place among the worthy workers and producers whose life records are included in this present historical work in Chautauqua county.

James Thomas Barnes was born in the family homestead on the farm in Portland township, Chautauqua county, N. Y., upon which he has lived all his life, Feb. 3, 1852, the son of Alpha and Sarah L. (Bigelow) Barnes. In both paternal and maternal lines the genealogy of James Thomas Barnes goes back in its American generations to old Colonial families, the paternal line being of old New York associations, and the maternal descent connecting with the well known Bigelow family of Colonial Massachusetts.

James Barnes, grandfather of James Thomas Barnes, was the first of the Barnes family to settle in Chautauqua county. He was born May 5, 1796, and married Amanda Noble, January 26, 1818. They lived at Rome, Oneida county, New York, but in August, 1818, came into Chautauqua county with an ox team, and settled on lot 53 T, and thereon building a log house, in which the family lived until 1836, when he built a house on the property. During his life, which was notable for the most part for worthy pioneer effort, James Barnes cleared an extensive tract of wilderness, and in his later years owned a good productive farm of 300 acres. The site of Prospect Station was at one time part of his farm and he well merits

a place among the substantial pioneer settlers of the county. He died Jan. 19, 1864, and his widow, who was born June 4, 1798, died twenty years later than her husband, April 21, 1884. They were the parents of four children: 1. Alpha, of whom further. 2. Calista, born March 28, 1826, died May 3, 1846. 3. Roxy, born March 9, 1829. 4. Delos, born Jan. 28, 1831. All are now deceased.

Alpha Barnes, son of James and Amanda (Noble) Barnes, was born in the log house built by his father upon their farm in Portland township, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Jan. 8, 1823. He probably did not have much schooling, for in his young days the section was almost a wilderness, and for such a sparse population the educational facilities would of necessity have been few. But, reared in that rugged environment, he naturally became imbued with the will and the strength to undertake hard tasks. He gained a worthy reputation for industry, which was obviously true of him, for before his death he possessed 600 acres of land, most of which he had cleared. On Dec. 2, 1847, he married Sarah L. Bigelow, who was born in Verona, Oneida county, N. Y., Nov. 7, 1823, and died in Portland township, Chautauqua county, N. Y., May 30, 1889. Her descent from the Massachusetts family of that name may be traced through her father and grandfather, both of given name Thomas, and both born in Massachusetts, the grandfather, Oct. 1, 1718, and the father, Sept. 2, 1781. Thomas (2) Bigelow went from Massachusetts into Vermont in 1804, but eighteen years later came into New York State, at first settling in Verona, Oneida county, where in the following year his daughter, Sarah L., mother of James T. Barnes, was born. She was four years old when her father came into Chautauqua county, in 1826, and bought title to part of lot 46 T, located east of Prospect Station. At first the family lived in a log house, as did their neighbors, the Barnes family, but in about 1836 or 1837 Thomas (2) Bigelow built a fine house, and during his active life acquired and cleared a large acreage. In his maternal descent, James Thomas Barnes can point to ancestors of noteworthy longevity; his maternal grandfather, Thomas Bigelow, was in his ninetieth year at the time of his death, March 11, 1871, and Jerusha (Putnam) Bigelow, wife of Thomas Bigelow, lived to within three years of nonagenarian age, her death occurring May 28, 1865. They were the parents of a large family, of whom Sarah L., mother of James Thomas Barnes, was the youngest child. Alpha Barnes lived six years after the death of his wife, Sarah L. (Bigelow) Barnes, his death not coming until Jan. 1, 1895, he being then in his seventy-second year.

James Thomas Barnes, son of Alpha and Sarah L. (Bigelow) Barnes, was born on the ancestral property in Portland township, and in due course attended the nearby district school, later becoming a student at the Westfield Union Academy, and still later at the Westfield High School. After leaving school, he assisted his father in the many duties of the farm management, and throughout his life has held constant connection with farming; as a matter of fact, that connection was necessary as his agricultural holdings have always been so extensive. His father owned 600 acres at one time, and James T. Barnes still owns 225 acres of valuable





THE J. T. BARNES FARM RESIDENCE NEAR PROSPECT STATION









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land. Still, he has not confined himself wholly to farming; in fact, he has been a man of important commercial business affairs. For many years he was a retail coal merchant, and had probably the largest coal business centering at Prospect Station. And as a fruit buyer he has been widely known throughout the county, having been at one time one of the largest buyers of apples in the county. Upon his farm he grows large quantities of grapes each year, having forty acres in vineyards, and in addition he has for many years been an extensive buyer of grapes, shipping in the season as many as twenty carloads weekly. His farm of 225 acres includes probably the richest section of the ancestral property, and it has been greatly improved by Mr. Barnes. He remodeled the house and the barns, built two large silos, and made other substantial improvements, which add to the beauty and utility of the property. Its location, standing as it does about 300 feet above the level of Lake Erie, is a good one, and it well merits its name, Sunset View Farm, for from it a beautiful sunset view is obtained, also a fine view of Lake Erie, five miles to the westward, and on clear days the Canadian shore can be discerned. Mr. Barnes has a fine herd of cattle, many horses, and in most seasons keeps about 200 sheep, so that it will be readily understood that his farming operations are by no means inconsequential. Of late years he has not been so active as formerly, advancing years having had some influence in deciding the matter of physical activities, and also the material wealth he has accumulated has had some influence. He has prospered well in his decades of trading and farming, and has no longer any need to take business affairs so strenuously.

Religiously, the Barnes family has been affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal church; fraternally, Mr. Barnes is a Mason, member of the Westfield Blue Lodge, and he is and has been for many years a member of the Grange, Westfield Chapter. Politically, he is a Republican, and has been a factor of influence in many national campaigns in his own district. He has never, however, sought political office. When there was a postoffice at Prospect Station, he and his father for thirty years held the office, but it was more because of the old family associations with that locality and not the stipend that influenced James T. Barnes in holding it as long as it remained in operation. In school affairs he has undertaken some responsibility, having been trustee and collector. He is president of the Prospect Tire and Rubber Company, the name being taken from this locality with the expectation of building a factory here. It is located at No. 735 Main street, Buffalo, N. Y. He was also president of the Lake Erie Wine Cellar. He is a trustee of the Westfield and Portland Cemetery, the beautiful condition in which it is maintained reflecting creditably upon those who are responsible for its upkeep.

On March 25, 1874, Mr. Barnes married Evalyn Webster, a daughter of Lemuel and Lydia Webster, born in the town of Westfield, April 30, 1853. Zoe Young, a cousin of Mr. Barnes, has been a member of the family for the past twenty-five years, and expects to remain as such. Her mother, Kate Bigelow Young, was a descendant of Thomas and Jerusha Bigelow.

By reason of his ancestry, and also of his own activ-

ities, James Thomas Barnes has come prominently into the class of worth-while sons of Chautauqua county, the recording of whose doings makes such a work as this a creditable one.

**SAMUEL CHARLES CRANDALL**—For more than fifty years a prominent business man, esteemed and held in the confidence of his townpeople, filling important trusts both in public and private life, the late Samuel Charles Crandall, of Westfield, was amongst the foremost citizens of Chautauqua county.

He was a son of William and Sylvia (Bandall) Crandall, old and highly respected residents of Westfield, was born here, March 18, 1853. Samuel C. Crandall received a good education in the public schools of his native town and the old Westfield Academy, afterwards setting out upon the business career which he had been so long identified with. He engaged in the basket manufacturing business, and in addition to this was the leading undertaker in this section of the county. He became a prosperous business man, and was well identified with various interests all through his long career, and was regarded as one of the leading men of his town. He was entrusted with a number of private charges and was executor of the S. Fred Nixon estate, the late speaker of the New York State Legislature. In matters of education, he was foremost in advancing and advocating the need of improvements in educational institutions, and he was on the board of directors of the State Normal School in Fredonia up to the time of his death. In later life he was the manager of the Westfield Telephone Company, and for a number of years a director of the National Bank of Westfield. During the late World War, he was exceedingly active in the various movements and was a member of the local board under the Federal Selective Service Law, and in this cause he worked incessantly, which fact was largely responsible for the impairment of his health, and his death, which occurred Dec. 24, 1918, was a sad loss to his many relatives, friends and the community. In matters of politics, he was a leading Republican, and in religious belief a Presbyterian. He was very active in church circles and was a trustee of the church of that denomination in Westfield.

Mr. Crandall married Eugenia M. Johnston, daughter of James and Mary Johnston, of Westfield. To Mr. and Mrs. Crandall the following children were born: Herbert James and William Bell, both of further mention.

At the time of the death of Samuel C. Crandall the local press united with his personal friends in paying a remarkable tribute to his memory. The Westfield "Republican," in the course of a long obituary article, had this to say concerning him:

Mr. Crandall combined with his special gifts for business a humor which to those who knew him best was most delightful. He was a good story teller. He was genial and approachable and had many friends who valued highly his opinions and sought his advice in both personal and business affairs. He was careful, prudent and conservative in counsel, as well as in his personal habits of life and business, and was one of the sterling men of rugged character who help to make up the solid backbone of any community.

Herbert James Crandall was born in Westfield, Oct. 18, 1890. He was educated in the public and high

schools of Westfield and Peekskill Military Academy, Peekskill, N. Y. Since leaving school, he has been in the automobile business in Silver Creek, N. Y., as agent for the Buick Motor Company. He is a member of various clubs and fraternal orders. In politics he is a Republican, and in religion a Presbyterian. He married, in Buffalo, N. Y., June 29, 1915, Marguerite Eldora Ne Moyer, daughter of Henry W. and Mary Jane Ne Moyer.

William Bell Crandall was born in Westfield, Sept. 20, 1892. He attended as a lad the public and high schools of Westfield. He then matriculated in the Valparaiso University in Indiana, and was graduated from that institution, where he took a business course, in 1911. Upon completing his studies, Mr. Crandall purchased the hardware business of H. W. Gibbs & Company and formed a partnership with C. D. Bell, with whom he conducted this business very successfully for about six years. When the United States entered the great World War, Mr. Crandall at once gave up his business to do his part in the effort of his country and enlisted, May 6, 1918, in the United States Army, being sent to Camp Wheeler, Georgia, to take part in convoy work. He was connected with the 106th, the supply train of the 31st Division, and was sent with that body to France, landing in Brest in September, 1918. From there he went to Bordeaux, the supply base of the United States Army, and became a member of the outfit attached to the Motor Transfer Corps which carried supplies to the front. He was promoted to the rank of corporal. On account of his father's death he was attached to a casual company and reached the United States two months earlier than his company, being honorably discharged at Camp Mills, Long Island, May 12, 1919. Upon returning to Westfield, Mr. Crandall resumed his father's undertaking business in partnership with Mr. Guy Carpenter, which they conduct to the present time. In politics, Mr. Crandall is a Republican, and in religion a Presbyterian.

**S. RAY FAIRBANKS**—Among the attorneys of Fredonia, N. Y., may be mentioned S. Ray Fairbanks, who occupies a prominent place in the community. Mr. Fairbanks was born in Cherry Creek township, Chautauqua county, N. Y., on his father's farm, Feb. 7, 1876, and is a son of Monroe and Ellen F. (James) Fairbanks. The elder Mr. Fairbanks is a farmer and is still conducting his own farm, despite his seventy odd years. He is one of the sturdy old "gentlemen of the old school," and is well known in his vicinity.

While still a child, S. Ray Fairbanks accompanied his parents to the village of Cherry Creek, and it was in this place that he received a portion of his elementary education. The family did not remain here very long, however, but returned to the farm, and S. Ray attended the district schools, later entering the Ellington High School, where he was prepared for college, and graduated from this institution in 1895. He then taught in the district school for a short period of time. In the fall of 1896, he matriculated in Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Ind., taking a course in law, afterwards attending the Chicago Law School, where he obtained the degree of LL. B. in the spring of 1898. During the Spanish-American War, he and four members of his

class answered the first call of President McKinley for volunteers, and enlisted in the First Illinois Cavalry, in which regiment he remained during the period of the war. He received his honorable discharge from the army in October, 1898. Mr. Fairbanks then returned to Cherry Creek, Chautauqua county, N. Y., and immediately discovered that there was very little opportunity for a young lawyer to make any headway in this town, so he therefore took the civil service examination in January, 1899, and entered the government employ in connection with the postoffice district in Fredonia. After five years in this service, he began a clerkship in the law office of Sterns & Thrasher, prominent attorneys of Fredonia, and in 1906 he was admitted to practice in the courts of the State of New York. For a short time he was connected with the firm of Warner, Farnham & Fairbanks, with offices in Dunkirk and Fredonia, which connection was severed in 1908, since which time he has been practicing his profession independently. Mr. Fairbanks is very prominent in the social and club life of Fredonia, and is a member of the Bar Association of Northern Chautauqua, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Cherry Creek, the Sons of Veterans, the United Spanish War Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of Dunkirk, and the United States Letter Carriers' Association. In politics, Mr. Fairbanks is a Republican, and has served eight years as justice of the peace. For six years Mr. Fairbanks was a member of the Republican county committee of Chautauqua county.

Mr. Fairbanks was united in marriage in Fredonia, Sept. 1, 1900, with Sara E. Pringle, a daughter of Charles and Alice Pringle, old and highly respected residents of Fredonia. Two children have been born of this union, Dorothy M. and Stuart.

#### **CHARLES STILLMAN CLELAND, M. D.**—

Among the eminent physicians of Chautauqua county, Dr. Charles S. Cleland, of Sinclairville, occupies a leading position. He descends from an early Chautauqua family, John Cleland, Jr., coming in March, 1810, and Nathan and Oliver Cleland in March, 1811, their brother Samuel and father, John Cleland, Sr., and family coming in the fall of the same year and finding a home in the now town of Charlotte. The marriage of one of the family, Moses Cleland, in the fall of 1811, to Sally Anderson, by Rev. John Spencer, was the first marriage ceremony performed in the town. Dr. Cleland descends through Nathan, son of John and Thankful (Eaton) Cleland, and grandson of James Cleland, the founder of the family, a Scotchman. Dr. Cleland is the fifth generation of his family in America, and of the fourth in Chautauqua county. Since 1882 Dr. Cleland has been engaged in medical practice, and since 1896 in Sinclairville. He has won the true regard of his brethren of the profession, and in the estimation of the public he is the learned and skillful physician and esteemed citizen.

(1) James (2) Cleland, the founder of his family in America, was the son of James (1) Cleland, a man of wealth and education, who married Miss Bruce, and at the time of the birth of his son, James (2), was living in Edinburgh, Scotland. James (2) Cleland left his native land in 1750 and came to New England, settling in Boston, where he later married Thankful Wilder.



They were the parents of seven children: Samuel, Thomas, James, a soldier of the Revolution; John, of further mention; Helen, Molly, and Hannah.

(II) John Cleland, son of James (2) and Thankful (Wilder) Cleland, was born in Eastern Massachusetts, Feb. 10, 1758, and settled in the town of Plainfield, in his native State. When a young man of twenty he entered the Revolutionary struggle on the side of the colonies, and from 1778 to 1780 he was in the army, serving in the company commanded by Captain Thomas, and in the regiment led by Colonel Milk. Part of this time he was General Putnam's personal orderly, and always in active service. In 1807, with his wife and eight children, he came to New York State, settling in Otsego county, there remaining until the spring of 1811, when two of the sons, attracted by the recent opening up of Chautauqua county in Western New York, made the journey and settled in Charlotte, then the town of Gerry. Their reports being favorable, John Cleland, with the remaining members of the family, made the journey in the fall of 1811. John Cleland bought land in township 4, range 11, in 1811, but the others settled on lot 54, section 12, east of Charlotte Center, the tract containing 330 acres, which was later largely brought under cultivation. John Cleland, the father, died at the farm, Feb. 10, 1827, aged sixty-nine years. His widow, Thankful, survived him until July 10, 1844, when she was laid by his side in Charlotte Center Cemetery, her age at death, eighty-seven years.

John Cleland married, in East Windsor, Conn., April 27, 1780, Thankful Eaton, of an old Connecticut family, born April 12, 1757. Descendants of John Eaton, who came to New England in the ship "Elizabeth Ann," April 27, 1635, settled in Watertown, Mass., later in Connecticut, and still later in New York State. Thankful Eaton, it is believed, was one of the thirteen children of Nathaniel and Esther (Parry) Eaton, her father a son of Thomas Eaton, son of John (2) Eaton, son of John (1) Eaton, the founder. John and Thankful (Eaton) Cleland were the parents of: Beriah, born Nov. 15, 1781; Edna, born June 28, 1782; Samuel, born Sept. 1, 1784, died in infancy; Samuel (2), born May 14, 1788; Thankful, born April 22, 1790; John and James (2) (twins), born Feb. 19, 1792; Oliver, born Oct. 25, 1793; Nathan, born March 5, 1795; Martin, born April 10, 1797. The four Cleland brothers, Samuel, John, Oliver, and Nathan, lived to a great age, notwithstanding their severe pioneer experiences. In the "Centennial History of Chautauqua County," published in 1904, was a group engraving of the four brothers showing them all as old men.

(III) Nathan Cleland, son of John and Thankful (Eaton) Cleland, was born in Plainfield, Hampshire county, Mass., Sept. 10, 1795, and died at his farm in the town of Charlotte, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Sept. 10, 1887, having attained the great age of ninety-two years. He was twelve years of age when taken by his parents to New York State. When sixteen years of age, in the spring of 1811, he was sent with his brother Oliver to investigate Chautauqua lands and their report being favorable, the entire family made the journey, and a tract of 330 acres east of Charlotte Center became the homestead farm. There Nathan and his brothers and sisters grew to years of maturity, but each

founded homes of their own, when taking a wife, Nathan purchasing a farm in the town of Stockton, but later moving again to the town of Charlotte, where his long and useful life ended in 1887. He was a man of great energy, strength and perseverance, a true type of the hardy pioneer who caused the forest to retreat before the fields, and the wild things of the forest to acknowledge their master and pass out of existence. Gleaming rails carry the products of Chautauqua to distant markets, and the life of the descendants of the Clelands find their lines cast in pleasant places, this due to the old pioneers, whose courage and self-sacrifice knew no bounds.

Nathan Cleland married, Nov. 9, 1820, Electa Batchelder, born April 12, 1797, died Aug. 6, 1869, daughter of Elijah and Rebecca (Dewitt) Batchelder. Mr. and Mrs. Cleland were the parents of eight children: Elyina D., born Sept. 7, 1821, married July 6, 1848, Mr. Gorman; Milo, born July 16, 1824, married, Nov. 10, 1871, Margaret Thompson; Thankful, born March 8, 1829, married, July 21, 1865, John Gorman; Electa R., born June 2, 1831, married, Dec. 31, 1854, Samuel B. Irwin; Nathan M., of further mention; Jane N. and John E. (twins), born June 12, 1836; and Dolly Ann, born May 26, 1839, died young.

(IV) Nathan M. Cleland, son of Nathan and Electa (Batchelder) Cleland, was born at the home farm in the town of Stockton, Oct. 20, 1833, and died at his home in the town of Charlotte, Dec. 10, 1913. He was educated in the district school, and from youth was a farm worker. He was his father's able assistant in farm management until his father's passing in 1887, then became managing owner. His farm was his home and sole business interest from youth until old age, and for twenty-six years he was its sole managing head, although he had many years prior to the death of Nathan Cleland borne the entire responsibility. After coming into ownership he made many improvements and erected the present modern farm residence. The farm of 208 acres is well improved and a most desirable property. In politics Mr. Cleland was a Republican and active in town affairs, serving as justice of the peace, road commissioner and coroner. In religious faith he was a Baptist.

Nathan M. Cleland married, in the town of Gerry, May 16, 1861, Catherine M. Hooper, daughter of Ezekiel and Betsey (Tompkins) Hooper, and a grandniece of Governor Tompkins of New York. Mr. and Mrs. Cleland were the parents of three children: Charles Stillman, of further mention; Owen M., whose sketch follows; Grace, wife of Charles Sears, and a resident of Sinclairville, Chautauqua county.

(V) Charles Stillman Cleland, eldest son of Nathan M. and Catherine M. (Hooper) Cleland, was born at the home farm in the town of Charlotte, Chautauqua county, New York, July 3, 1862. After completing public school courses of study, finishing in the Sinclairville High School, he taught school for four years in Charlotte public schools and for a time in Tidioute, Warren county, Pa. During these years he resided at the home farm and read medicine with Dr. A. A. Stevens. He next entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Baltimore, but a year later he withdrew and finished his medical study at the medical department of

the University of Baltimore, whence he was graduated M. D., class of 1887.

With his newly acquired honors, Dr. Cleland began practice in South Dayton, Cattaraugus county, N. Y., and there remained two years, gaining needed experience and confidence. From South Dayton he moved in 1889 to Collins, Erie county, N. Y., and there he continued in successful practice for seven years. He closed out his practice in Collins in 1896, and located in Sinclairville, his old home district, succeeding Dr. Frank A. Stevens. For nearly a quarter of a century Dr. Cleland has practiced medicine in Sinclairville, his standing as a careful diagnostician and skillful physician being very high. During this entire period, 1896-1920, he has been health officer of the village and has as scrupulously observed his public duties as his private practice. He is a member of the Chautauqua County Medical Society, New York State Medical Society, and American Medical Association, keeping in close touch with all advance in medical science through these societies, their meetings and their literature. He has practiced his healing art over the district his forefathers helped to subdue a century ago, and has builded a name and fame as enduring as theirs. Dr. Cleland is a member of Sinclairville Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; president of Sinclairville Free Public Library; and in politics, a Democrat of the Cleveland-Wilson type.

Dr. Cleland married in Tidioute, Warren county, Pa., Ida L. Irvin, born in Tidioute, daughter of William and Charity (McGrath) Irvin. Dr. and Mrs. Cleland are the parents of a son, Elmer Owen, of further mention.

(VI) Dr. Elmer Owen Cleland, only child of Dr. Charles S. and Ida L. (Irvin) Cleland, was born in South Dayton, Cattaraugus county, N. Y., June 20, 1888, and died at the home of his parents in Sinclairville, Oct. 19, 1919. He was eight years of age when his parents made Sinclairville their permanent home, and there he completed public school study with graduation from high school, class of 1909. Choosing the profession of dentistry, he entered the dental department of Baltimore Medical College, whence he was graduated D. D. S., class of 1912. After receiving his degree he located in Greenville, Mercer county, Pa., continuing in practice there until his death. During the period of war between the United States and Germany, 1917-1918, Dr. Cleland was enrolled in the Medical Reserve force and was assigned to Base Hospital No. 42, at Pittsburgh, Pa., and ordered to report for duty, Oct. 17, 1918. On that date he was suffering from an attack of influenza, from which he never recovered, the immediate cause of his death a year later being attributed to bronchial pneumonia. He was very successful in his profession, and socially very popular. He was a member of Sinclairville Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, Greenville Lodge, No. 140, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and of the Bessemer Club. He was stricken just on life's threshold and with every promise of a brilliant professional career before him. He was buried with many others of his family in the cemetery at Sinclairville.

Dr. Charles S. Cleland, now in the full prime of his physical powers, with mind enriched with the years of constant practice and study, and with the calm and sober judgment which the years alone can give, occu-

pies an enviable position in his community. He is the loved confidant and trusted adviser of young and old, and is no less highly valued as friend and neighbor than as a physician. His is a genial, social, friendly nature, and as his personality attracts, so his sterling quality retains the friendship of all who come within the wide circle of his influence.

**OWEN M. CLELAND** was born at the home farm in Charlotte, Chautauqua county, N. Y., May 9, 1864, son of Nathan M. and Catherine M. (Hooper) Cleland (q. v.). He received his early education in the district schools, and later attended high school at Ellington, N. Y. After laying aside his text books, Mr. Cleland assisted his father in his stock and dairy farming until the latter's retirement from active business, when Owen M. assumed the entire management of the farm and continued extensive dairy farming and stock raising. The pride of the farm is its fine herd of principally Holstein cattle, and its dairy is one of the best equipped in the town. Mr. Cleland also conducts general farming operations, and is the largest grower of cabbage in the county. He is a charter member and past master of Charlotte Grange, No. 660, Patrons of Husbandry, and takes a deep interest in its business and social affairs. He is also a member of Sylvan Lodge, No. 303, Free and Accepted Masons, of Sinclairville, and of the Order of the Eastern Star. In politics, Mr. Cleland is a Republican, but in local affairs supports the men and measures that he thinks are for the best interests of all the people. He has served Charlotte as justice of the peace, and is one of the substantial, progressive men of his town. In religious affiliation, Mr. Cleland and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Charlotte Center.

Mr. Cleland married, Nov. 11, 1890, Ethlyn Hollenbeck, born in Gerry township. Mrs. Cleland is a popular member of the Eastern Star and Grange, and is active in their social activities. Mr. and Mrs. Cleland are the parents of three sons: 1. J. Clayton, born Aug. 26, 1894; educated in grammar and high school and Cornell University—agricultural course—now his father's farm assistant; he is a member of the Patrons of Husbandry; Sylvan Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Independent Order of Odd Fellows; New York State Young Men's Christian Association; and politically, a Republican. 2. Charles M., born Sept. 26, 1900, was educated in the same schools as his brother, and is an assistant in the management of the home farm; he is a member of the Patrons of Husbandry. 3. Stillman, born Sept. 12, 1905, now attending school.

Thoroughly devoted to his business, Mr. Cleland worthily represents a class of men who cannot but be regarded as the bulwark of our nation, and a sure defense when the misrule of city and commonwealth brings confusion and unrest. The agriculturist who is a landowner has too much at stake to make experiments in political economy, and is the rock upon which our national prosperity—nay our national life, rests. The reputation of a century of Clelands in the town of Charlotte rests safely in his keeping, and he has given to the town a fourth generation of sons, who are agriculturists, trained in college for scientific farming.



**BENJAMIN TICHNOR SHELDON**—The Sheldons of Chautauqua county, N. Y., herein reviewed, descend from an ancient New England family, the founder, Isaac Sheldon, coming in 1626, and locating at Billerica, Mass. He was buried at Kingston, R. I., as was his brother John, who had located in Pawtucket, R. I. Isaac Sheldon left two sons, John and Isaac (2), the latter born in 1627. From Isaac (2) Sheldon sprang Tichnor Sheldon, who settled at Westfield, Chautauqua county, N. Y., on a tract of 150 acres, which he cleared, improved, and cultivated for forty-five years. He was the father of Royal Edgerton Sheldon, and grandfather of Benjamin Tichnor Sheldon, a general merchant of Sinclairville, Charlotte township, Chautauqua county. It was a beautiful tribute Obed Edson, Chautauqua's grand old man, paid to his friend, Royal Edgerton Sheldon, which appeared in the Sinclairville "Commercial," Feb. 8, 1907:

In the death of Royal E. Sheldon the community has not only lost an excellent business man but a valuable and loyal citizen. He was a man of character, nerve, aggressive, positive in his opinions, and outspoken in expressing them. If ever he found himself hasty, impulsive, or in error, he had that superior and rarest of virtues—the courage to promptly and frankly admit it.

Such was the confidence of the fellow-citizens of his ability that besides being selected to fill other important positions he was often chosen to represent them on the board of trustees of the village corporation of which he also served as president. He was long a trustee of the old school district, and when that was dissolved, of the Union Free School, the village library, and of Evergreen Cemetery Association, of which he was for a period the efficient superintendent. In all these positions his energetic efforts, business experience and practical suggestions made him an influential and valuable member. He was always solicitous for the prosperity and honor of his town and village where he had lived so long. He was a friend of progress and education, and the first to take a positive position in favor of a Union Free School in the village. He was a sincere friend, had a warm heart, an affable disposition, and intellectual tastes. Sometimes it happens that we wait until the one we know is gone before we fully recognize and realize the merits of him whom death has removed. Mr. Sheldon will not soon be forgotten in the community, with others who once were leading citizens, prominently identified with its business interests, for his marked character, public spirit and useful life.

OBED EDSON.

A full line of the ancestry of Benjamin T. Sheldon from Isaac Sheldon, the founder, follows:

Isaac (2) Sheldon, son of Isaac (1) Sheldon, was born in 1627. He married (first) Mary Woodford, who died in 1684 or 1686. He married (second) Mehetable Ensign, who died in 1720. He had thirteen children, descent being traced through Jonathan Sheldon, his son, born in 1680, died in 1760. Jonathan Sheldon married Mary Southwick, and they were the parents of ten children, including a son Daniel, born in 1715, died in 1796, who married Mary Herman, they the parents of ten children.

Seth Sheldon, son of Daniel and Mary (Herman) Sheldon, was born in 1739, died April 24, 1810. He married Hannah Hanchett, who died Aug. 20, 1820, and they were the parents of seven children, including a son, Seth (2) Sheldon, born in 1776, died in Chautauqua county, N. Y., Oct. 15, 1850. He married Philena Edgerton, who died in Chautauqua county, Dec. 14, 1853. They were the parents of eleven children: Nancy, born in 1800, married Walter Strong; Philena, married James Pratt; Tichnor, of further mention; Alta, born in 1807, married Levi Ingalsie; Franklin, born in 1808;

Julia, born in 1811, married Eli Roberts; Esther, born in 1813, married Alexander A. Barker; Sarah, born in 1815, married Milton Barker; Seth, born in 1818; David, born in 1821; Charles, born in 1824.

Tichnor Sheldon, eldest son of Seth (2) and Philena (Edgerton) Sheldon, was born in the town of Pawlet, Rutland county, Vt., Nov. 16, 1804, died at his home in the village of Sherman, Chautauqua county, N. Y., in 1881. He married in Pawlet, Feb. 14, 1827, Lucinda Brown, born at Attleboro, Bristol county, Mass., Aug. 27, 1804. Soon after their marriage, Tichnor Sheldon and his wife moved to Chautauqua county, N. Y., settling in the town of Westfield on a tract of 150 acres, which was his home for forty-five years, the farm becoming under his management most fertile and profitable. At the end of forty-five years' residence and operation of the Westfield farm, he retired to a home in the village of Sherman, there residing until his death in 1881. His wife, Lucinda, survived him until 1886, dying at the home of her son, Royal E. Both are buried in the village of Sherman. Children: Milton Brown, born Nov. 26, 1827; Herbert Franklin, born Oct. 12, 1831; Royal Edgerton, of further mention; Fanny Maria, born Feb. 23, 1842; —————, died July 21, 1871; Edwin Morris, born March 18, 1847.

Royal Edgerton Sheldon, third son of Tichnor and Lucinda (Brown) Sheldon, was born Feb. 19, 1835, died in Sinclairville, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Feb. 1, 1907, and is buried in Evergreen Cemetery there. He obtained a good education, and in his younger years taught in the county district schools. Later he was clerk in a store at Andes, Delaware county, N. Y., also in a general store in Westfield, and finally went to Boston, Mass., where he added to his business education the city methods of merchandising. In 1861, he first came to Sinclairville, becoming a clerk in the store of John M. Brunson. When Mr. Brunson sold his business to Nelson Mitchell, Mr. Sheldon continued with the new proprietor as clerk, remaining until 1869, when he opened a general store in association with Edwin Williams, they conducting business as a firm until 1870. Mr. Williams then withdrew. Mr. Sheldon built the new store in 1883 and continued in business alone until 1889, when he admitted his son, Benjamin T. Sheldon, to a partnership, who later took over the commercial interests of his father, the latter then engaging in the seed business. Mr. Sheldon continued a successful business man of Sinclairville until his death at the age of seventy-two, having been a resident of Sinclairville for nearly forty years. He was well known and deeply respected for his sterling qualities. He was postmaster of Sinclairville from 1877 until 1884. His public-spirit and progressive nature led him to the support of every forward movement, and there was no limit to his interest in Sinclairville and her people. He served as president of the village, was a trustee of the Free Public Library, one of the organizers and a trustee of Evergreen Cemetery, and a one time superintendent, a trustee of the Baptist church, member of the village board of health, a Republican in politics, and in all things was the temperate, high-minded gentleman and successful business man.

Royal E. Sheldon married (first) Oct. 22, 1863, Caroline Laurenda Bridgman, born in Vermont, daughter of John and Laura (Delano) Bridgman. Mrs. Sheldon was

a woman of education and high character, a teacher by profession, literary in her tastes, an ideal wife and mother. She traced descent from historic New England families, and in Sinclairville took a deep interest in the village affairs which interested her husband. She was a member of the Baptist church. She died Jan. 21, 1880, and is buried in Evergreen Cemetery with her husband. Children: 1. Carrie Lucinda, born Aug. 23, 1864, died March 8, 1870. 2. Benjamin Tichnor, of further mention. 3. Fanny Laurenda, born Sept. 8, 1869, was a graduate of Sinclairville High School in 1887; Fredonia State Normal School, 1891; Cornell University, class of 1896; taught at Mansfield Normal School, Mansfield, Pa., 1896-1901; married, July 10, 1901, Charles Henry Allen, of Detroit, Mich., where they now reside; they are the parents of two children, Henry Sheldon, born June 18, 1903, and Alice A., born June 28, 1904. 4. Royal Bridgman, born April 25, 1872, died June 13, 1873. Mr. Sheldon married (second) Oct. 18, 1882, Sarah E. Billings, who survives him, a resident of Sinclairville.

Benjamin Tichnor Sheldon, son of Royal E. and Caroline L. (Bridgman) Sheldon, was born in Sinclairville, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Aug. 11, 1866. After completing the public school courses of study with high school graduation, he entered business life as an associate of his honored father, and became his partner, later the firm trading as R. E. Sheldon & Son. Finally, upon the retirement of the senior partner, the son succeeded him and continues sole owner of the business. He is a modern, energetic business man, like his father deeply interested in Sinclairville, its growth and prosperity. He served the village as president, trustee of Evergreen Cemetery, and acting superintendent, trustee of the Free Public Library, and since 1889 a member of the Congregational church, which he has served as trustee and superintendent of the Sunday school, and in his political action is an independent Republican.

Mr. Sheldon married, June 2, 1897, Nettie Langworthy Gage, daughter of Lloyd Glover and Emma (Langworthy) Gage, a niece of Lyman J. Gage, of Chicago, once secretary of the United States Treasury, under President McKinley. Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon are the parents of four children: Lloyd Edgerton, born Nov. 29, 1898; Carolyn Gage, born July 10, 1900, died Oct. 7, 1916; Fanny Cornelia, born May 4, 1902; Sarah Elizabeth, born Oct. 27, 1905.

**HERBERT JOHN GOUINLOCK**—The valuable life of Herbert J. Gouinlock was cut short by what seemed at the time an injury of little importance, but complications caused his death about two weeks later. He was one of the largest grape growers of the Chautauqua Grape Belt, and at his home farm, west of Fredonia, conducted a very prosperous business. He was a son of Herbert J. and Helen M. (Tremaine) Gouinlock, his father born in Toronto, Canada, May 4, 1845, died in Fredonia, N. Y., at the age of twenty-six. Mr. Gouinlock, Sr., was an artist with his pen, his skill in lettering only exceeded by his skill in lithographic engraving, his expertness at line engraving wonderful. He was also possessed of strong imaginative genius, and his designs were most artistic and beautiful. His services

were in demand by well known firms as a designer, for no one could so effectively vignette a design or portrait and give it the effect of a steel engraving. He was with the best known New York lithographing house, and later, while with a Buffalo house, visited Fredonia, N. Y., and while there died from the effects of lithographic poisoning.

He married Helen M. Tremaine, of the well known Tremaine family of Fredonia and Chautauqua county, N. Y., and they were the parents of a son, Herbert John, to whose memory this tribute of love and respect is dedicated.

John Gouinlock, grandfather of Herbert J. (2) Gouinlock, was born in Edinburgh, Scotland. He married there, Isabella Herbert, well educated, like her husband, and having the advantages of special tutors in Paris, she was accomplished as a musician and linguist, speaking several languages fluently. Shortly after their marriage, John and Isabella Gouinlock left Scotland and came to America, locating in Canada, where the husband was a professor of penmanship in Toronto College, having inherited a talent that was most pronounced in his family for several generations, and which he transmitted to his third child and only son, Herbert John (1) Gouinlock, the artist and lithographer. He also had two daughters, Georgianna and Alice.

From such talented grandparents and parents came Herbert John (2) Gouinlock, born in Fredonia, N. Y., Oct. 13, 1870, died at his farm in the town of Pomfret, west of Fredonia, Jan. 22, 1921, just in the prime of his splendid powers. He was educated in the schools of Fredonia, and after completing his studies engaged in grape culture on a farm of twenty-five acres, situated on the North road in the town of Pomfret, three and one-half miles west of Fredonia. He made special study of grape growing in all its detail and proved the value of shallow cultivation, thus proving that the grape roots should be disturbed as little as possible. As time went on he prospered, and as he added to his special knowledge of the grape and its culture, he also added to his land holdings, and for thirty years the firm of Freeman & Gouinlock was one referred to as an authority on the grape and how to grow it profitably. His partner was his mother, and all through those years they worked hand in hand for the development of the grape industry in general, and their own vineyards in particular. To his original twenty-five acres additions had constantly been made, until Freeman & Gouinlock had one hundred acres of grape bearing vineyards, and another one hundred acres under cultivation and in wood lots. Their vineyards and farm were looked upon as models of skillful farming, and their products were noted for high quality. Their vineyards of Concord, Niagara and Worden grapes aggregated about 250 tons annually, and of the highest priced quality. Mr. Gouinlock was a local director of the Pomfret branch of the Chautauqua & Erie Grape Union, a member of Forest Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and of the Citizens' Club of Fredonia.

Mr. Gouinlock married, March 3, 1904, in Fredonia, Mabel Goate, daughter of the late William S. and Mary E. (Apthorpe) Goate, her parents coming separately from England, their native land, to Fredonia, N. Y., where they were married. Six children were born to





*Herbert J. Goumlock*



Herbert J. and Mabel Gouinlock: Helen Mary, born March 1, 1905; Herbert John (3), born Sept. 30, 1906, died May 16, 1916; William George, born Sept. 3, 1909, died Sept. 12, 1910; Marjorie, born June 25, 1913; Dorothy Mabel, born Oct. 14, 1917; Lucy Tremaine, born July 21, 1920.

A man of industry and thrift, Mr. Gouinlock held the entire confidence of his community who appreciated his labors to promote the best interests of the grape industry, in which many of them were engaged. He met every requirement of good citizenship, and as son, husband, and father gave himself unreservedly to those he loved and cherished. His memory will long remain green in the town of Pomfret.

**ALEXANDER J. ROOD**, extensive cattle dealer, cheese manufacturer, and successful farmer, is one of the well known citizens of Sinclairville. The Rood family has been in Chautauqua county since 1835 and previous to that were residents of Wyoming county, N. Y., in the town of Pike. Wilson Rood, father of Alexander J. Rood, was born in 1818, in the family homestead there. When he had reached the age of seventeen years he came to Chautauqua county, locating in Charlotte township, where he found employment on a farm. He was an earnest, steady, young man, and within five years was able to purchase a farm in that township. His farm, which was situated in section 16 of the township, was known as the Straight Farm, and was of considerable extent, 300 acres, most of which, however, was wilderness when he purchased it. With the spirit of the pioneer, Wilson Rood resolutely applied himself to the clearing of the land. In course of time he improved his property, and brought the land into productive cultivation. He lived and worked upon that farm until his death, in 1868, in the prime of life. He was buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Sinclairville. Wilson Rood married, in Charlotte, Sally Chase, daughter of Stephen Chase. She was born near Rochester, N. Y., and died on the family farm in Charlotte township. Her remains were also interred in Evergreen Cemetery, Sinclairville. Wilson and Sally (Chase) Rood were the parents of six children, who were all successful in life, namely: 1. Alexander J., of whom further. 2. Clarissa, who is the widow of W. V. Luce, and resides in Cassadaga. 3. George, who is a farmer in Cherry Creek township. 4. Edgar, a physician in Westfield. 5. Chancy A., a physician in Brocton. 6. Mary, deceased, who married Fortis Pond.

Alexander J. Rood, eldest son of Wilson and Sally (Chase) Rood, was born in the parental homestead in Charlotte township, March 11, 1846. He obtained his schooling in District School No. 8, of Charlotte, and at the old academy at Fredonia, N. Y., after which he took to farming with resolute purpose, finding ample opportunity for hard work in the operation of his father's extensive farm. So employed, he remained with his father until the latter's death, when he inherited the 300 acres, which he continued to improve. He still owns that property, and it has been an appreciable factor in his successful career. In 1882 he entered the cheese manufacturing business, purchasing the interests of an already established factory, which he has conducted ever

since. This has become a good sized business enterprise, the plant being capable of manufacturing thirty forty-pound full cream cheeses per day, otherwise 1,200 pounds. In 1889, Mr. Rood decided to move into Sinclairville, which would be a handier center for the commercial phase of his agricultural enterprises. In 1900, he entered into partnership with Burt Putnam, and since that year these two well known men have been busily and extensively engaged in cattle dealing, the partnership being known under its trade name of Rood & Putnam. In 1880, Mr. Rood built the house in which he has since lived, one of the finest in Sinclairville, and he has taken close interest in public movements within the village since that year. He was one of the organizers of the Sinclairville State Bank, in 1918, and is a member of its directorate. He is a trustee of the village, and an active member of the local Grange. In national politics, he is a Democrat. Fraternally, he is a Mason, a member of Sylvan Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, Sinclairville, and the Blue Lodge, and he attends the Episcopal church in Sinclairville.

Mr. Rood married, Nov. 28, 1872, Annette Tozier, daughter of Orange L. and Harriet (Humphrey) Tozier. She was born in Sheldon, Wyoming county, N. Y., and in the maternal line is granddaughter of Dustin Humphrey, member of an old Connecticut family. Mr. and Mrs. Rood are the parents of three children: 1. Flora R., educated in public and high schools, and Fredonia Normal School; married Ernest Irvin, cashier of the Sinclairville State Bank. 2. Clarissa, who was similarly educated in Sinclairville schools and Fredonia Normal School; married Samuel F. Moran, a lawyer of New York, to whom she has borne six children, Ruth, Flora H., Frances, Patricia, Virginia, and William. 3. Carl Alexander, who received his education in the public and high schools of Sinclairville, and the University of Michigan, from which he graduated in 1907, with the degree of LL. B. and soon thereafter was admitted to the bar and is now practicing in New York. He married Lillian Cahill, and they have two children, Carlton and Wilson, twins.

**THE STERLING HARDWARE AND ELECTRICAL CORPORATION** is a well known Jamestown corporation, successors to the Bernhard Hardware Company. Their store on East Second street is completely stocked with the latest developments of its line, and had its inception in the enterprise of three substantial business men of Jamestown, Adolf Rosencrantz, Charles Bernhard and John Carlson, who established the business, March 7, 1905, with the stated object of retailing general hardware and other lines. The business developed very satisfactorily, but various changes in the constitution of the firm have been made since its inception. Shortly after its incorporation, Martin Gunnarson became connected with it, and he has been its head ever since. In 1916, a reconstruction occurred and the officers then and since have been: Martin Gunnarson, president; Hjalmar Sandberg, vice-president and treasurer; and George O. Sandberg, secretary and manager.

Mr. Sandberg is an efficient manager, and since the reorganization in 1916, the volume of business has been

more than doubled, many new lines being added. Three of the substantial specialties of the corporation are furnaces, stoves, builders' hardware and electrical supplies. This company does a big volume of wholesaling and retailing each year.

**GEORGE O. SANDBERG**, who of recent years has been one of the principals of a leading Jamestown firm of merchants, the Sterling Hardware and Electrical Corporation, of which he is secretary, as well as manager of its up-to-date and fully stocked store on Second street, is a native of Jamestown, born Sept. 12, 1897.

He was educated in local schools, attending the grammar school for the elementary grades, and later becoming a student at the Jamestown High School, of which ultimately he became a graduate, having specialized in the commercial course. Soon after graduating, he entered the employ of the Davidson Shoe Company, as clerk, which was not altogether a new experience for him, for he had worked for the company, after school hours and on Saturdays, for some years before he left school. When the Bernhard Hardware Company was reorganized in March, 1916, under the name of the Sterling Hardware and Electrical Corporation, young Sandberg took a certain interest in it, and a year later was appointed manager of the store, and elected to the executive office of secretary. He is a member of the Jamestown Board of Commerce, and of the Chautauqua County Fair Association. Mr. Sandberg regularly attends the Swedish Mission Church of Jamestown, of which he is a member.

Mr. Sandberg was married, in Jamestown, Aug. 21, 1918, to Elsie M. Hedman, daughter of August Hedman, of Jamestown. Mr. and Mrs. Sandberg are the parents of a son, George O., Jr.

**THE ACTIVE FURNITURE COMPANY**—In June, 1916, several of the men of Jamestown, who had learned the furniture making trade, got together and established on a working basis the Active Furniture Company. These men were Nestor Munson, who was elected president of the company; Oscar Newgren, vice-president; O. R. Johnson, the secretary and treasurer. The plant was located on Steele street, and here, with twelve men employed, they met with such success that in August, 1918, they bought the Jamestown Window Screen Company's plant at Jones and Gifford avenues, and moved their factory to the newly purchased location. The present working force is thirty-five men, and the power used in the plant is steam. The product is a high grade of parlor and library tables, and phonograph cases, most of their employees being expert workmen. The company incorporated in 1916 under the laws of the State of New York, and at the last election of officers the following men were chosen: Carl Richard Carlson, president; Charles A. Johnson, first vice-president; George Jacobson, second vice-president; Oscar R. Bard, secretary, treasurer and general manager. The Active Furniture Company, Inc., is a member of the Manufacturers' Association of Jamestown, and is well regarded in commercial circles.

**CARL RICHARD CARLSON**—Like many other men of the Swedish population in Jamestown, Carl Richard Carlson is engaged in the manufacture of fine furniture, and like many of them he came from the little town of Smoland, Sweden, where he was born March 11, 1885, the son of C. J. and Emma (Peterson) Carlson. The father was a farmer, and trained the boy in the work about the place, sending him to the public school during the time of its sessions. When old enough the lad obtained employment in a door factory, working there until he was twenty years old, when he came to America. When Carl Richard Carlson arrived in this country he immediately went to Jamestown, N. Y., entering the employ of the Anchor Furniture Company. This was in 1905, and he remained in this factory for almost nine years, leaving it to accept a better position with the Superior Furniture Company, working on a band saw. Two years later, in 1916, he joined the newly organized Active Furniture Company as a member of the firm, and in 1918 was elected president of it in addition to being superintendent of the entire factory.

Mr. Carlson is identified with several of the local associations of Jamestown, among them being the fraternal society of Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Lief Erickson Association, and the Thule Order of Vasa. Unlike most of his countrymen, Mr. Carlson has never married, but he has hosts of friends among the Swedish families of Jamestown.

**OSCAR R. BARD**—During the twenty-three years that Oscar R. Bard has been a resident in this country, he has acquired much and varied information in connection with manufacturing pursuits, owing to the fact that he has been engaged in several different kinds of business.

He was born in Smoland, Sweden, Jan. 28, 1882, the son of John Bard, a non-commissioned officer in the Swedish army, having served for twenty-five years in that capacity.

Oscar R. Bard was brought up on a farm, in the work of which he was daily occupied, attending the village school part of the time, receiving a good elementary education. When the boy had reached the age of fourteen years, he determined to try his fortune in the United States, having relatives here who had done well in many lines. Oscar R. Bard landed in New York City in May, 1896, and at once went to Falconer, N. Y., where his brother resided. For the first three months the lad attended school so that he might gain an insight into American ways, then very shortly after obtained work in the Jamestown Mantel Company, which is located in Falconer. For ten years he remained with this concern, learning the trade of cabinetmaker, and then, having an opportunity to better himself, went to Warren, Pa., and entered the employ of the Bennett Piano Company in their cabinet making department. Two years later he returned to Falconer and entered into a partnership with his brother, Charles S. Bard, making a specialty of furniture and office fixtures. For several years he continued in this line, leaving it to go into the retail shoe business with Victor Johnson on Second street, the firm name being Johnson & Bard.



For seven years they operated this store, then became interested in the monumental works of August Gustafson on North Main street. He entered into partnership with him as the Gustafson & Bard Monumental Works of Jamestown. Mr. Bard is still connected with this business. In 1918 he became interested in the Active Furniture Company and was made the secretary and treasurer of that company, positions he now holds, in addition to that of general manager of the plant.

Oscar R. Bard married, in Jamestown, June 28, 1910, Edith Holm, daughter of John and Louise (Anderson) Holm, residents of that city. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bard: 1. Genevieve, who is attending school in Jamestown. 2. Evelyn, also at school; and Elsie. Mr. and Mrs. Bard are members of Immanuel Lutheran Church, and he is president of the Sick Benefit Society of the church.

**WILLIAM HOMER RATER**—Among the representative men of Chautauqua county this good citizen of Sherman enjoys an undisputed standing. As one of the most prosperous farmers of his township, and as the incumbent, for a number of years, of various local offices of trust, Mr. Rater is much in the public eye.

William Homer Rater was born Dec. 11, 1862, on a farm in the town of Mina, Chautauqua county, N. Y., a son of Julius and Sarah (Hitchcock) Rater. Mr. Rater, who is now deceased, was a farmer. The Rater family, in honor of whom Rater's Corner, a settlement in Ripley township, received its name, is of German origin, and has been many years resident in Mina township.

The education of William Homer Rater was received in the district schools of Mina township, that is, his earliest education, for when he was but six years old his parents moved to Ripley township and there he attended the district schools. After a time the family returned to Mina township and the boy resumed his attendance at the old schools. He was soon obliged to leave, however, on account of the death of his father which made it necessary for him to seek employment. At first he worked on farms in the neighborhood, receiving for compensation board and clothing, but it was not long before he began to render assistance valuable enough to command money payment. In 1889, Mr. Rater rented his present farm and in about a year bought 100 adjoining acres. Some four years after he purchased the farm on which he now lives, which comprises 161 acres, thus becoming the owner of 261 acres. He has improved the estate to a great extent, rebuilding the house, erecting a barn and constructing a workshop, chicken houses and similar out-buildings. He has forty cows, four horses and 250 chickens. He devotes the land to general farming, also conducting a fine dairy. Among his most valuable possessions are two automobiles, a large powerful touring car and a roadster. Since 1917 Mr. Rater has been a director of the Chautauqua County Farmers' Milk Producers' Association; also a director of the Sherman Telephone Company for five years. In the sphere of politics, Mr. Rater adheres to the Republican party and is now serving as school trustee and school collector, offices which he has held many times before. He affiliates with Olive Lodge, No. 575, Free and Ac-

cepted Masons, of Sherman, — Chapter, of Mayville, and Dunkirk Commandery. He belongs to the Grange, and is a member of the Community Church, both of Sherman.

Mr. Rater married, Nov. 23, 1905, at the Presbyterian parsonage, Sherman, N. Y., Minnie, daughter of Garrett and Hannah Gabriel, and they are the parents of two children: Ida May, now attending school, and Sarah Louise, an infant.

William Homer Rater is, most emphatically, a man who has made his own way in the world and in doing so has made for himself a record in which his children, in after years, may justly take pride, for he has achieved his success by persistent industry, indomitable energy and methods strictly and invariably honorable.

**CHARLES C. WILSON** occupies a position of trust and responsibility in the commercial life of Jamestown. He was manager of the large lumber plant which was founded and successfully carried on by his father, John T. Wilson, until its disposal, Nov. 1, 1919. The John T. Wilson Estate, dealers in lumber, rough and dressed, sashes, interior trim and doors, was one of the best known concerns in Jamestown in its time. John T. Wilson died May 10, 1910, his wife having died April 4, 1903. He left three children: 1. Anna, who became the wife of A. S. Dunham, of Jamestown. 2. Jennie, who became the wife of Frank W. Cadwell, also of Jamestown. 3. Charles C., of further mention.

Charles C. Wilson was born in Jamestown, Oct. 3, 1864. He obtained a substantial education in the public and high schools of his native city, after which he took a course at the Bryant & Stratton Business College in Buffalo, N. Y. At the age of nineteen, he entered his father's plant as bookkeeper and to assist in the management of the ever increasing business. John T. Wilson at his death had left his business in the form of an estate, his son, Charles C., being made executor and manager of it, and from 1910 until its settlement, Dec. 1, 1920, he personally conducted all its affairs. Mr. Wilson is a genial man, much interested in many of the organizations of Jamestown, having a social trend. Fraternally he is a thirty-second degree Mason; Knights Templar, and belongs to the Shrine; member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of which he is a past trustee. His clubs are the Jamestown and Sportsmen's. He is a vice-president of the Jamestown Malleable Products Company, and a director of the First National Bank of Jamestown.

In January, 1890, Charles C. Wilson was united in marriage with Mary Hall, daughter of Erie and Jennie (Marvin) Hall, of Jamestown. To Mr. and Mrs. Wilson one child has been born, Marvin C., in Jamestown, April 27, 1897. He was educated in the grammar and high schools of his home city, and the University of Pennsylvania. He entered the service of the government during the late war, being attached to an officers' training school at Camp Mead, Maryland, from May, 1918, until he was honorably discharged, Dec. 23, 1918. He had been commissioned a second lieutenant during his service, but was retained for duty in this country. After being mustered out of service, he returned to the University of Pennsylvania, where he pursued a course of executive training in the Wharton School of Finance, from

which he was graduated in June, 1919. He is at present associated with his father in business in Jamestown. He married, May 29, 1920, Edith D., daughter of Frank Priest, of Jamestown.

**JOHN JAMES LANDERS, A. B., LL. B., LL. D.**, a retired minister of the Episcopal faith, a resident of Fredonia, whose life stands out prominently for God, home and humanity, is a man whose careful preparation, supplemented by unflinching devotion to his chosen profession, enabled him to pass beyond the point of mediocrity and stand among the successful few.

John James Landers was born on Clare Island, located off the west coast of Ireland, County of Mayo, at the entrance of Clew Bay, Aug. 23, 1834, son of William and Mary (Plunket) Landers, natives of Ireland, the former named having been engaged in the English civil service. The elementary education of John J. Landers was obtained from private tutors, and his collegiate and university courses were obtained by attendance at Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland, from which institution he received the following degrees, A. B., 1864; LL. B., 1865, and LL. D., 1878. He became an ordained minister of the Gospel, following the tenets of the Episcopal church, and his work among his parishioners was ever for their spiritual uplift and to lead them to a better and holier conception of the duties of mankind in every-day affairs, teaching them by example and precept to follow in the footsteps of their great Master in all things. He is an earnest, God-fearing, capable man, who above all things has desired to do good in his day and generation, and his life in the midst of the people who have known and revered him for many years is a silent witness to the fact that he has striven manfully to lead those who were under his charge in the way of truth, holiness and morality. He has ever been an earnest advocate of education, and keeps fully abreast with the spirit of the times. He is still a subject of Great Britain, but he has always taken a keen interest in all that concerns the communities in which he has made his home in this country, his actions an influence for good upon all with whom he is brought in contact.

John James Landers married, in Dublin, Ireland, Dec. 16, 1862, Mary Amanda Bass, born Nov. 21, 1840, in Everton, Liverpool, England, daughter of Abel and Frances (Robinson) Bass. Among the children born to Dr. and Mrs. Landers five are living at the present time (1921), as follows: William, born Oct. 6, 1863; Charles, born Sept. 11, 1871; George, born, June 8, 1877; Frank, born June 27, 1882; and Carrie, born Nov. 14, 1884. The members of the family are all communicants of the Episcopal church, performing well their part in their various walks of life, following in the footsteps of their honored father.

**ELLIS WADSWORTH STORMS**—The death of Dr. Ellis Wadsworth Storms, who for many years was one of the leading physicians of the town of Falconer, Chautauqua county, N. Y., on Jan. 9, 1919, removed from this region a figure which had occupied a somewhat unique position in the community, and who was known as one of the most popular and influential citizens of the place. Dr. Storms was a son of Frederick

and Barbara (Smith) Storms, old and highly respected residents of Eden, Erie county, N. Y., where the former was engaged successfully in the occupation of farming.

Dr. Storms was born at Eden, Feb. 16, 1868, and as a child attended the public schools of that place. He later entered the Fredonia Normal School at Fredonia, N. Y., from which he was graduated with the class of 1893 and where he was prepared for college. Dr. Storms, upon completing his studies at the latter institution, entered the profession of teaching, continued for a time, and was elected principal of the Ellington High School at Ellington, Chautauqua county, and reelected to that position each year until 1897. In the meantime the young man determined to follow the profession of medicine as a career in life, and in 1896 matriculated at the medical department of the University of Buffalo, from which institution he was graduated with the class of 1900, taking his degree as medical doctor at the same time. Dr. Storms then removed to Cherry Creek, where he began the practice of his profession and was most successful for a period of about eleven years, during which time he established a wide reputation as one of the leading physicians of the place. In 1911 he removed to Falconer, where he opened an office and continued to practice most successfully until 1918. In addition to his professional activities, Dr. Storms took a keen interest in public affairs, and was for many years prominently identified with the Republican party, being a staunch supporter of its principles and policies and being elected to a number of important local offices on its ticket. He was supervisor of Cherry Creek in 1909, and served as coroner for Chautauqua county for two terms. In Cherry Creek he was also a member of the local School Board and served as treasurer of that body for a considerable period. Upon coming to Falconer, Dr. Storms affiliated himself with the Progressive movement and continued as a staunch supporter of the third party until 1916, when he renewed his allegiance to the Republican party. Two years before his death he was elected to the Falconer Board of Education, and still held that position at the close of his life. Dr. Storms was one of those who was instrumental in establishing the County Tuberculosis Hospital, and served on the first committee of supervisors which took up that important project. He was a prominent figure in the social and fraternal life of the community, and was a member of the Jamestown Medical Society, the Chautauqua County Medical Society, the New York State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association. He was also affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of Cherry Creek, of which he was the worshipful master; and also with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Order of the Eastern Star, of which he was worthy patron, and Jamestown Lodge, Order of Amaranth. His club was the University, of Jamestown. During the participation of the United States in the great World War, Dr. Storms was active in local war work, and was elected chairman of the Falconer branch of the American Red Cross Society and held that post at the time of his death.

Dr. Ellis Wadsworth Storms was united in marriage, Oct. 12, 1904, at Eden, Erie county, N. Y., with Pearl M. Zittel, a daughter of Peter and Louisa J. (Zittel)



Zittel, and they were the parents of one child, Robert Ellis, born Oct. 31, 1914. At the time of his death the local press and many of his personal friends united in a chorus of praise for his past work, which had been so abruptly terminated, and of regret for the great loss which the community had suffered in his demise. It will be appropriate to quote from the Jamestown "Journal," which, in a long obituary article on Dr. Storms, included the following:

Those who knew Dr. Storms well, thoroughly respected him for his integrity, his independence in thought and action, and his sincere devotion to high ideals of citizenship, and professional character. The rural physician has no easy life, and for seventeen years Dr. Storms spent his vitality in that trying work. Now that he has gone from us so suddenly, his friends will recall his life as one of constant labor and high endeavor, and will keenly sympathize with his wife and little son. The portals of another life opened quickly for him, but he was ready.

**WILLIAM ELY AINGE**—Trained in his native England in the profession of accountancy, Mr. Ainge, president of the W. Ely Ainge Accounting Company, of Youngstown, Ohio., has devoted his life to that calling and is widely known in his chosen field. His association with Chautauqua county is by residence, while his business interests, since the incorporation of the company bearing his name in 1916, have been largely in Pennsylvania and Ohio.

Mr. Ainge is a son of W. Ely Robins and Mary Ainge, his father a gentleman farmer and owner of an estate of 800 acres at Warwick, England. Mr. Ainge was born in Bristol, Gloucestershire, England, and after attending the Alcester Grammar School, of Warwickshire, was for several years employed in the general offices of John Crossley & Sons, Ltd., of England. Subsequently he was associated with the firm of J. D. Taylor & Company, chartered accountants, of Halifax and Bradford, Yorkshire, and in this employ mastered his profession. In 1883 he went to Toronto, Ontario, Canada, and from that year until 1890 practiced accountancy in Canada. In the latter year he came to the United States and for a number of years filled the office of auditor of the Ohio Steel Company. Reëntering the field of public accounting, he has since been active in that line, and since 1916 has been president of the W. Ely Ainge Accounting Company. The officials of the company at the time of formation were Mr. Ainge, president and treasurer; J. E. Parker, vice-president; and C. D. Ainge, secretary, and the members of the board of directors were J. E. Parker, of the Brier Hill Steel Company; J. J. Brant, of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company; W. I. Davies, of the Mahoning National Bank; W. Ely Ainge and C. D. Ainge. The company makes its headquarters in the Stambaugh building, of Youngstown, O., its work all forms of public accounting, the installation of accounting systems, auditing and investigating. Its clients include industrial and commercial houses of national reputation, and under Mr. Ainge's capable direction its business has increased to an impressive size, employing a considerable force of highly trained specialists.

Mr. Ainge is a member of the Masonic order, having been affiliated with lodges in England, Canada, and the United States. In Liverpool, England, he was a member of the Liverpool Liberal Club, and is now a mem-

ber of the Youngstown Club. He and his family are communicants of the Church of England.

Mr. Ainge married, at Halifax, Yorkshire, England, Sept. 1, 1871, Susannah Taylor, daughter of Jonas Darnley and Martha Taylor. Children of Mr. and Mrs. Ainge: Frederick William, born June 11, 1872, at Bradford, England; Edith Mary, born Sept. 10, 1873, at Bradford, England; Jessie Louise, born Nov. 8, 1874, at Brighouse, England; Annie Maud, born Nov. 20, 1876, at Halifax, England; Winifred Ellen, born Feb. 23, 1878, at Halifax, England; Harold Darnley, born Jan. 15, 1880, at Berkenhead, Cheshire, England; Percy Taylor, born Feb. 24, 1884, at Toronto, Canada; Louis Gilbert, born Oct. 16, 1885, at Parkdale, Ontario, Canada; Clifford Douglass, born April 14, 1893, at Salem, Va.

**HENRY ARCHBOLD CLARK**, for a number of years one of the members of the bar in Western New York, and a prominent figure in the affairs of the flourishing community of Fredonia, is a native of that town, born Oct. 2, 1871, a son of J. Henry and Mary (Morgan) Clark, old and highly respected residents there. The elder Mr. Clark was engaged in the dry goods business at Fredonia for a time, but afterwards became a nurseryman and conducted a prosperous enterprise here until the close of his life. He was one of the early settlers at Fredonia, and his business interests grew up with the town. He came here in early days with his parents, Harmanus C. and Mehitable Clark, who were among the pioneers of Chautauqua county.

Henry Archbold Clark attended as a lad the local public schools, and later the Fredonia State Normal School, where his general education was completed. He was a young man of great ambition, and in youth determined upon a professional career, his choice being the law. Accordingly, in 1891, he entered the law office of Lorenzo Morris, one of the leading attorneys of his day in Fredonia, and there took up the study of his chosen subject. This he pursued to such good purpose that in 1896 he was admitted to the New York bar, and immediately afterwards formed a co-partnership with Arthur R. Moore and began the practice of his profession at Fredonia. The firm of Moore & Clark continued in existence until Jan. 1, 1898, when it was dissolved by the mutual consent of the partners, and Mr. Clark has continued in practice by himself ever since. From the outset of his active career, Mr. Clark has enjoyed the entire confidence and esteem of both his fellow attorneys and the community-at-large for his legal ability and the high standard of professional ethics he has consistently maintained. His character is preëminently fitted for success at the bar, his naturally alert and trenchant intellect and strong personality having been supplemented by a profound knowledge of jurisprudence and a wide experience in legal matters. Mr. Clark has always been keenly interested in outdoor pastimes, and has participated in them largely from early youth, especially in hunting and fishing, having spent much of his leisure time in the pursuit of these sports. He is also a devoted automobilist, and was one of the first men in Fredonia to own a motor car. He is well known in social circles at Fredonia, and is much esteemed by his fellow-citizens.

**THOMAS WALTER MOSHER**—Succeeding his father as secretary of the Westfield Lumber and Coal Company, Thomas W. Mosher has also followed him in many relations to the life of his town, civic, fraternal and religious. The elder Mosher was Francis Reed Mosher, who was born near the village of Ripley, Feb. 26, 1843. He attended the schools of his birthplace, and in 1862 became a resident of Westfield, where his after life was spent. In 1878 he began the operation of a shingle mill at Skinner's Glen, afterwards moving to Chestnut street, where a planing mill was established. In 1896 the business was incorporated with W. J. Madigan, president; James Madigan, vice-president; Dennis Madigan, treasurer, and Mr. Mosher, secretary; and its operations have been conducted successfully and along expanding lines to the present time. In 1878 Mr. Mosher purchased some timber on the west side of Chautauqua creek, and four years later he purchased the coal business of R. L. Adams, his yards on the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad, and subsequently his coal and lumber interests were merged as the Westfield Lumber and Coal Company.

Francis R. Mosher occupied an important place in his community. He was four times elected to the Board of Trustees of Westfield, was twice elected a member of the Water Board, and in 1901 was elected president of the village of Westfield. He was a capable, dependable public officer, and discharged his official duties efficiently and well. Until his death he was a member of the Presbyterian church, and his Masonic bodies were Summit Lodge, No. 219, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he was master; Westfield Chapter, No. 239, Royal Arch Masons; and Dunkirk Commandery, No. 40, Knights Templar. He was chief of the Westfield Fire Department and one of the oldest members of that body. He was respected for the position he won for himself through his own unaided efforts, and he held the affectionate regard of a wide circle of friends through admirable qualities of mind and heart. His death occurred July 12, 1912.

Francis R. Mosher married, Dec. 11, 1872, Grace Harper, of Westfield, and they were the parents of: Elizabeth R., died in 1906, bookkeeper in the employ of her father's firm and very active in church work; Agnes F., died in 1915; and Thomas Walter, of whom further mention is made.

Thomas Walter Mosher, son of Francis R. and Grace (Harper) Mosher, was born in Westfield, N. Y., April 13, 1883. He attended the grammar and high school of Westfield, and began his active career in his father's employ, learning the details of the business and gaining a thorough and exact knowledge of lumber. Upon the death of Francis R. Mosher he became secretary of the Westfield Lumber and Coal Company, an office he has since filled. In 1911 the company built a two-story planing mill, sixty feet square, with a separate engine room. Steam power is used in the mill, where dressed lumber for all uses is prepared for the trade. Their equipment includes a dry kiln, sixty by sixteen feet, with a capacity of one car or twenty thousand feet of lumber, and the company carries a full stock of lumber, coal, cement, lime, wall board and roofing. Mr. Mosher, as a Republican, is serving in his second term (1919) as a village trustee. His religious faith is Presbyterian.

He is a member of the local Chamber of Commerce, the Citizens' Club, the Masonic Club, and his fraternal associations are with the Masonic order and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a well known citizen of Westfield, interested and active in all that promises good for the town.

Mr. Mosher married, Sept. 1, 1909, at Hoosic Falls, Marcia Jones, of that place, and they are the parents of Francis W., Jeanne Marea, Allen Reed, and Lois Elizabeth.

**ROBERT EBENEZER JONES**, secretary of the Elite Furniture Company, was born in Jamestown, N. Y., Jan. 14, 1881, the son of Ebenezer and Harriet (Warren) Jones, the former named born in Jamestown, N. Y., May 4, 1837, died April 7, 1896, and the latter named born in Trenton, N. Y., Jan. 23, 1848, died in Jamestown, Oct. 31, 1889. Ebenezer Jones was a sergeant in Company H, 2nd Colorado Cavalry during the Civil War, and for several years previous to his death was the president of the Jamestown Furniture Company. To Mr. and Mrs. Ebenezer Jones were born three children: Warren Charles, died at the age of twenty years; Robert Ebenezer, of whom further; Mabel Rosina, now with the James Prendergast Free Public Library, Jamestown.

After leaving the Jamestown High School, Robert Ebenezer Jones entered the Jamestown National Bank as messenger, which bank consolidated with the Chautauqua County Trust Company, now the National Chautauqua County Bank. Here he was advanced to paying teller, but later was forced to give up this position owing to his impaired health. In 1910, after having spent a year and a half in recuperating, he became associated with the Elite Furniture Company and was placed in charge of the office, subsequently being elected secretary of the organization, which position he still holds. Mr. Jones is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and has been secretary of Mt. Tabor Lodge, No. 780, since 1910. Mr. Jones has contributed for this historical work the Independent Order of Odd Fellows section. He is a member of the First Congregational Church of Jamestown. In politics he is a Republican.

On June 21, 1906, Mr. Jones was united in marriage with Mary Elizabeth Giles, daughter of Joseph H. and Nancy Irene Giles, well known residents of Elmira, N. Y., and later of Jamestown, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Jones are the parents of one child, Harriet Irene.

**ALEXANDER A. CASTLE**—Among the honored citizens of Jamestown must be numbered Alexander A. Castle, who is now living a retired life in that city. He is a native of Buffalo, N. Y., born Dec. 19, 1853. He is the son of John and Mary (Garden) Castle, well known residents of that city.

His early education was received in the public and higher schools of Jamestown, N. Y., and after graduation he entered into the business world and followed the cement business. In this occupation he remained until he retired. By his ballot Mr. Castle supports the men and measures of the Republican party, but he has never sought for office, though he served as street



commissioner for a number of years. He is financially connected with the Farmers and Mechanics Bank of Jamestown, N. Y., and as a public-spirited citizen gives his support to all enterprises for the public good. The family are members of the Congregational church, and are highly respected by all who know them.

On May 16, 1888, in Jamestown, N. Y., Mr. Castle was united in marriage with Marie Godfred, born March 4, 1859, a daughter of John H. Godfrey, who was born in Rhode Island, and Harriet (Thomas) Godfrey, who was born in Warren, Warren county, Pa. To this union has been born one child, Don. W. Castle, born July 3, 1890. He was superintendent of the Fiber Plant at Tonawanda for a number of years, but later went to the McKinsey Chain Factory as superintendent and remained with them seven years. However, he resigned in order to accept the position of superintendent of Spaldings Fiber Factory, which he now holds.

**ROY W. KENT**—The W. L. Kent Creamery, founded by W. L. Kent, who is of extended mention elsewhere in this work, was a family business, and after the death of the founder was continued by Mrs. Maude E. Kent, his widow, assisted by her sons and daughters. Mrs. Kent later retired from the business.

Roy W. Kent, son of William L. and Maude E. (Polley) Kent, was born at Watts Flats, town of Harmony, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Sept. 22, 1886. He was educated in the public schools, and since leaving school has been engaged as a farmer and milk dealer. For a time he was associated with his father in the operation of the W. L. Kent Creamery in Jamestown, and in that city he is engaged at the present time (1920) as a milk dealer. He has prospered in business and has acquired residence property in Jamestown, the house wherein he resides at No. 127 Pennsylvania avenue and another at No. 101 Connecticut avenue. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and in political affiliations is a Republican.

Mr. Kent married, in Jamestown, N. Y., July 5, 1905, Sadie Elizabeth Parsons, born in Jamestown, May 23, 1886, daughter of John A. and Sarah Elizabeth (Jacobs) Parsons, her father born in Yorkshire, England, her mother in Boston, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. Kent are the parents of three children: Roy Parsons, born Aug. 7, 1907; Earl Henry, born March 28, 1909; Pearl Alice, born Oct. 2, 1917.

**ERNEST ADDISON WILLIAMS**, a respected and prosperous farmer of Ellington, Chautauqua county, N. Y., a lifelong resident in the county, and whose life is a record of honest, industrious and successful production, good neighborliness and unselfish community service, was born in Gerry, Oct. 20, 1874, the son of Volney Murray and Frances Marilla (Thomas) Williams. His mother was a native of the State of Missouri, but his father was born in Gerry, and thus he comes of a family which for at least three generations have been resident in Chautauqua county, N. Y.

Ernest Addison Williams passed the usual years of elementary study in the public schools and eventually became a student at the Ellington High School.

Mr. Williams is not a member of any fraternal or benevolent orders, neither does he belong to any clubs, but in politics he is a loyal Republican, and in his quiet way had done what he could to further the cause of the party in his district, although he has never held nor sought political office. He is an earnest churchman, member of the Congregational church, and a substantial supporter of the church he and his family attend.

Mr. Williams married, March 11, 1897, at Ellington, N. Y., Hattie Julia Davis, born Feb. 1, 1878, daughter of Leroy W. Davis, born Feb. 27, 1843, at Ellington, N. Y., and Julia A. (Bush) Davis, born Aug. 20, 1841, at Conewango, N. Y. Her ancestry, in the maternal line, connects with the Bush family of Colonial record, her maternal ancestors including Enos Bush, a worthy soldier of known record during the War of 1812. To Ernest Addison and Hattie Julia (Davis) Williams have been born two children: 1. Doris Ernestine, born Feb. 10, 1904. 2. Harold Murray, born Nov. 10, 1909.

**CLAUD D. HASKIN**, a successful contractor in stone and brick works in Maple Springs, Chautauqua county, N. Y., was born in Ellery township, Nov. 4, 1868, a son of Warren and Rhoda (Vanderwark) Haskin, old and highly respected residents of that place, where the Haskin family had made its home for some time prior to the birth of the elder Mr. Haskin. Warren Haskin followed the occupation of farming all his life, and it was in the healthful, rural environment of the farm that Claud D. Haskin was reared.

During the winter months he attended the local common schools and there gained his education. Upon completing his studies, he was apprenticed to S. S. Haskin, his uncle, a mason, and he learned the trade that he has ever since followed. Eventually he set by enough capital from his earnings to engage in business on his own account, and since 1892 has done a large and constantly growing business so that he is now well known, not only in Maple Springs, but in the entire region surrounding it and has handled many building jobs. Mr. Haskin is not known only as a contractor, but as a man who is always actively interested in the general affairs of Maple Springs. In politics he is a member of the Democratic party, while his fraternal affiliation is with Bemus Point Lodge, No. 585, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Chautauqua Encampment, No. 54, at Jamestown.

Claud D. Haskin was united in marriage, Dec. 9, 1891, in the city of Jamestown, with Helen Leah Culver, born Jan. 8, 1871, at Ellery, a daughter of Stephen and Ida (Romans) Culver, of this place. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Haskin, as follows: 1. Ida, born Sept. 8, 1892, died May 10, 1915; married, April 30, 1913, Harry Rodier, to whom she bore one child, Claudia. 2. Ralph, mentioned below. 3. Fred, born Jan. 18, 1897, died Feb. 9, 1897. 4. Lucille, born Sept. 24, 1907.

Ralph Haskin, born May 2, 1895, was twenty-two years of age at the time of this country's entrance into the great World War, and on Sept. 26, 1917, he joined the 307th Regiment of Field Artillery, and was sent to Camp Dix for a time. From there he was sent to Camp Merritt, one of the chief points of embarkation, where

he joined the 502nd Regiment, Engineers, and sailed with his unit for France, Nov. 11, 1917. There he saw much service, and remained a considerable time after the signing of the armistice, his eventual return occurring July 25, 1919. He married, Nov. 30, 1916, Edith Lindholm, of Sheffield, Pa.; children: Ralph, Jr., and Gordon J.

**FRANKLYN DEAN WINTER**, successful and enterprising farmer of extensive properties in Dewittville, Chautauqua county, N. Y., has only lived in the county since 1917, but has given indication that he is a skilled agriculturist, and his modern methods have very appreciably increased the production upon the 167 acres he owns, and on the 103 adjoining acres, which he manages for his brother-in-law.

He was born in Watseka, Ill., May 15, 1891, the son of William and Eliza (Williamson) Winter. Both parents are still living, although the father now lives practically a retired life. He was a farmer in Illinois, where he still has extensive properties; and he also had some plantations in Mississippi, which still are owned by the family, but the operation of them is now in other hands.

Franklyn D. Winter was educated in the public schools of Illinois, and after leaving school took industriously and intelligently to farming. He liked the life, and was possessed of that temperament which seeks to do all that is done in the most efficient way possible. He has been a close student of modern methods of farming, and when he came to Chautauqua county, N. Y., in August, 1917, he gave indication that he knew his business. He took over the management of two farms at Dewittville, one of 167 acres, and one of 103 acres, which belongs to his brother-in-law. The property is a substantial holding, the stock, at last inventory, embracing seven horses, twenty-one milch cows, forty-nine hogs, with sundry other livestock. There are three silos, with capacity for 225 tons of ensilage, and he has instituted many improvements upon his farm. In one phase of his improvements, the raising of the standard of his herd of milch cows, it is somewhat early to expect the improvement that will ultimately come, but up to the present his modern methods of feeding, of selection, of housing, and of caring for his stock, have brought an increased milk yield of about fifty-eight per cent., which is appreciable in so short a time. He has modern cow barns, gives due importance to questions of hygiene and sanitation, and there is every probability that in due time his stock will be such as to bring him much credit, as an up-to-date farmer. Withal, he is a hard worker, and although he has five hired men, he probably works longer hours than any of them. He is a Republican in politics, is a good churchman, and is a very hospitable neighbor.

Mr. Winter was married, at Danville, Ill., Sept. 21, 1915, to Genevieve Patterson, daughter of George and Elizabeth (Preston) Patterson, late of Buffalo, but now of Chautauqua township, Chautauqua county, N. Y., and owner of the farm adjoining that of their son-in-law. Mr. and Mrs. Winter have two children: Mary Elizabeth and William George.

Mr. Winter is of that type of farmer which, by increasing the yield from American agricultural land,

enabled the nation to so materially aid her ill-nourished allies during the time of their greatest need, while the great war raged, and to supply food not only to allied peoples, but to enemy countries, after the suspension of hostilities. Without the intelligent, and often back-breaking efforts put forth unceasingly by American farmers, the world would have been very much more impoverished during that period.

**FRANK H. BARMORE**, a native of Gerry, Chautauqua county, N. Y., has lived in that neighborhood throughout practically the whole of his life, and during that time has had an honorable record of industrious and useful enterprises, which have brought him material means of satisfactory extent, and very many friends. There are very few of the farmers of the Gerry district of Chautauqua county who do not know Frank H. Barmore, and few whom he has not at some time served in his industrial capacity. He has honestly plied his trade, is a fast, skillful worker and has always endeavored to give value for value. In that way he has held the many friends he has made, who admire him for his manly qualities and honest heart.

Frank H. Barmore was born Sept. 11, 1853, the son of Lewis and Betsie (Barker) Barmore, and is of an old Chautauqua county family, at least three generations of the Barmore family having been resident in or near Gerry. He was educated in the Gerry public schools and after leaving school helped his father in the working of the home farm. Eventually he became a blacksmith, which has been his main occupation since his early manhood. He also possesses a farm, to which he devoted much time, but which lately has been managed by his stepson, Fred B. Bean. In political allegiance, Mr. Barmore is a Republican, and earlier in life took a somewhat active part, especially in national questions that had bearing on local conditions. He has for many years been an interested, active member of the Gerry Grange.

Mr. Barmore married Alice Bean, widow of Warren J. Bean, and daughter of Ezra and Harriet T. (Bone) Wright. She was born Dec. 25, 1855, in the town of Cold Springs, and to her first husband she bore seven children, six of whom were boys, as follows: William J., Charles W., Archibald A., Fred B., Frank, Emily L., and John. Fred B. Bean, who did not marry, lives with his mother and stepfather, and manages Mr. Barmore's farm, who is reaching an age when he has to take things less strenuously than was once his custom. Mr. Barmore will be best remembered as a blacksmith, and as such he has had long and honored connection with industrial activity in Chautauqua county.

**JOSEPH C. COX** was born in Kiantone, N. Y., April 13, 1876, a son of Henry Cox, who was born in England, Aug. 27, 1832, and Jane (Miller) Cox, who was born in England, in March, 1848, well known and respected residents of Kiantone, N. Y. He spent his youth on his father's farm, attending school on "Prendergast Flatts," later coming to Frewsburg, and there learned the blacksmith trade of J. P. Brant, the leading smith of the village. Mr. Cox is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Lodge No. 789, at





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Frewsburg, and takes an active part in its work. He is a man of excellent purpose, prompt, energetic and reliable. They reside on the Myers homestead. In June, 1900, while William N. Myers, father of Mrs. Cox, was cleaning out a ditch on his farm, at a depth of three feet, he found the molar or grinding tooth of the Elephati Americanus, which weighed three and a half pounds. It was placed on exhibition in Jamestown, thus enabling many people the opportunity of seeing the relic. It is in the possession of Mrs. Cox, and eventually, no doubt, will be placed in some county society for preservation.

In 1903, at Frewsburg, N. Y., Mr. Cox was married to Katherine M. Myers, who was born May 18, 1872, daughter of William Nelson Myers, who was born May 16, 1838, and Susan (Boyd) Myers, who was born June 18, 1847. Mrs. Cox is granddaughter of John Myers, Sr., one of the early settlers of Carroll, coming from Herkimer county in 1814, also he was a soldier of the Revolutionary War. To Mr. and Mrs. Cox has been born one child, Donald Myers, born Dec. 8, 1912; he is attending school in Frewsburg, N. Y.

**ALBERT HALLOCK**, who was a representative business man of Chautauqua county, N. Y., was born in Steuben county, N. Y. He received his education in the public schools of his native town, and after finishing his studies took up the butcher's trade, in which he continues at the present time in Los Angeles, Cal. Mr. Hallock is a man of superior business qualities, strict integrity and sterling worth, and stands high in the esteem of his associates.

Mr. Hallock married, Jan. 11, 1881, Emma Schoonover, a daughter of Aaron and Rhoda Schoonover. To this union were born three children, as follows: 1. William A., of Los Angeles, engaged in the meat business; married Evelyn Marsh; they are the parents of one child, Annolee. 2. John S., of Los Angeles; engaged in the meat business; married Flora Fox; they have a child, J. Norman. 3. Pearl H., who became the wife of Carl B. Skinner; they are the parents of two children, Genevieve and Gordon H.

**HARRY MILES YOUNG**—Prominent in the profession of law, well known in agricultural life, a breeder of thoroughbred cattle, and a leading citizen, is Harry Miles Young, of Mayville, Chautauqua county, N. Y.

Harry Miles Young, son of John F. and Sarah (Miles) Young, was born in Garrettsville, Ohio, June 1, 1877. His father and mother were both natives of the town of Chautauqua in this county, married here, and went to Garrettsville, Ohio, where Mr. Young conducted a farm for a number of years. In 1880, deciding to remove to Chautauqua county, he came with his family and located on the Amma Miles farm, three miles east of Mayville. Harry Miles Young, his son, was then but three years of age, and since that time has continuously lived in Chautauqua county. He was educated in the district schools and graduated from the Mayville High School, in 1894. For a short time after his graduation, he taught school, but always having had a desire to study law, he pursued a course of study at

the Fredonia Normal School and Allegheny College at Meadville, Pa. In 1904 he entered the law office of W. H. Tennant of Mayville, and read law, being admitted to the New York bar, July 24, 1908. Immediately after this, he became a junior member of Mr. Tennant's law firm and practiced with him for a year and a half. Since that time he has conducted his own office and now enjoys a large practice and clientele. Mr. Young has been active in the general life of the community, and is a justice of the peace. He has been prominent in agricultural affairs, having at one time four farms, consisting of a total of 980 acres, located near Mayville. He made a specialty of dairy farming, and breeding registered cattle, and still retains his membership in the New York State Holstein-Friesian Association; is a member of the Patrons of Husbandry, and the Chautauqua County Farm Bureau. He is a member of the Buffalo Lawyers' Club; the Northern Chautauqua County Bar Association; the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Royal Arcanum; and the Woodmen of the World. Politically he is a member of the Republican party, and he and his family are attendants of the Methodist Episcopal church of Mayville.

On June 21, 1911, Harry Miles Young was united in marriage with Kate L. Putnam, of Fredonia, N. Y. To Mr. and Mrs. Young were born two children: 1. Harry Miles, Jr., born Sept. 18, 1915, and died young. 2. Sarah Elizabeth, born Aug. 10, 1917.

**ZIBA L. SQUIRE**—A Pennsylvanian by birth, Mr. Squire has been a Chautauquan for many years and is one of Celoron's prosperous business men. He is a man of enterprise and worth, and has aided in the development of the village in which he resides; also the surrounding district. He is a son of Arah and Perlina (Place) Squire, his father a farmer of Wyoming county, Pa.

Ziba L. Squire was born in Nicholson, Wyoming county, Pa., May 5, 1853. He was educated in the public schools and was variously employed until the year 1893, when he located in Celoron, Chautauqua county, N. Y., and there engaged in the real estate business. Shortly after coming to Celoron, Mr. Squire purchased along the front of Lake Chautauqua, between Celoron and Lakewood, several thousand feet of land lying between the lake shore and the Erie Railroad tracks. This land was practically a swamp at that time, and his venture seemed rather odd to many people, but later they clearly saw his object and the great development which took place. He built two canals through the property, which drained it, and the dirt which was removed from the canals was used to fill the swamp, thus making many suitable building lots. At that time there were no houses on this strip of land, but today there are hundreds of well-constructed cottages and houses. It can truly be said that Mr. Squire is one of the builders of Chautauqua county. Mr. Squire has served on various Chautauqua county committees for the advancement of the county's welfare, and given material and moral assistance to the movements of civic interest. Later Mr. Squire became interested in oil producing properties in the oil fields of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Wyoming and Texas.

Mr. Squire is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, Knights of the Maccabees, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Patrons of Husbandry, Jamestown Board of Commerce, and at one time was president of the village of Celoron. In politics he is a Republican, and his religious faith is that of the Church of Christ (Scientist).

Mr. Squire married, Jan. 1, 1879, in Nicholson, Pa., Roxa Phelps, born April 14, 1860, daughter of Otis and Sarepta (Harris) Phelps, her father a Union soldier, killed in battle during the Civil War. Mr. and Mrs. Squire are the parents of a daughter, Leah, born Jan. 14, 1881, at Nicholson, and a son, Verne, born Aug. 20, 1891, at Bradford, Pa. Verne Squire joined the United States army Nov. 12, 1917, at Jamestown; went overseas Jan. 10, 1918, served with the Motor Transport Corps, and was honorably discharged, June 25, 1919.

**WINFIELD SCOTT PENHOLLOW**—Learning the carpenter's trade early in life, Winfield S. Penhollow became an expert workman, and for many years of his life was a well known contractor and builder of the Jamestown district, his home in the village of Celoron, where he died and where his widow, Patience E. (Silvernail) Penhollow, yet resides, her home on Dunham avenue. While he was of Pennsylvania birth, his parents, Nathan and Adeline (Button) Penhollow, were born in Chautauqua county, N. Y., his father a farmer.

Winfield S. Penhollow was born in Wayne township, Erie county, Pa., July 3, 1853, and died in Celoron, N. Y., April 22, 1911. He was educated in the district schools, and in early life learned the trade of carpenter. Later he began contracting, and until his death continued in that line of activity. He bore an excellent reputation as a contractor, and as a citizen was highly esteemed. He was a member of Lakewood Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and attended the Methodist Episcopal church at Celoron. In political affiliation he was a Republican. He was not active in village political affairs, but was always helpful in furthering community interests.

Mr. Penhollow married, in Corry, Pa., Sept. 7, 1873, Patience E. Silvernail, born in Wayne township, April 12, 1856, daughter of Stephen V. and Jane A. (Briggs) Silvernail, of Corry. Children of Mr. and Mrs. Penhollow: 1. Elwyn S., born Dec. 14, 1875; married Emma Fusselman, of Warren, Ohio, and they have four sons: Raymond A., Henry S., William R., and Clarence. 2. Lennie W., born Feb. 12, 1877, died Oct. 18, 1886. 3. Ethel S., born Aug. 20, 1883; she became the wife of Worthy A. Rolph of Celoron, and they have four children: Bernice L., Lawrence W., Helen E., and Lois J. 4. Cora J., born Sept. 3, 1885; she became the wife of Lynn Soule, and died Jan. 9, 1908, leaving a child, Elowene. 5. Jesse A., born April 27, 1892; entered the United States army, March 4, 1918, in Company A, 42nd Battalion, 20th Regiment, Engineers; he was taken sick, and upon his release from the hospital was transferred to the 43rd Battalion; he was honorably discharged at Fort Ontario, Sept. 1, 1919, his rating a musician, his rank sergeant. 6. Maude E., born March 1, 1896; became the wife of Merton A. Pratt, of Celoron; he enlisted, July 4, 1917, in Company E, 108th

Regiment, Infantry, United States army, and was honorably discharged, March 31, 1919, after twenty-one months of service. 7. Lillian, born Feb. 18, 1898, died May 4, 1898. Mr. Penhollow, in 1910, erected the house on Dunham avenue, Celoron, in which his widow yet resides, his death occurring there the following year.

**CHARLES L. MELVIN**—Many years ago the Melvin family came to Chautauqua county and in the town of Arkwright, Charles L. Melvin, the president of the village of Celoron, and his father, James Melvin, were born. James Melvin was a farmer of Arkwright, and a man of industrious habits. He married Clara Gage, born in the town of Hanover, Chautauqua county, N. Y., thus Charles L. Melvin is thoroughly a Chautauquan by birth, heredity and spirit. He has long been a resident of Celoron, and has been a factor in the growth and development of that village.

Charles L. Melvin, son of James and Clara (Gage) Melvin, was born Sept. 14, 1869, spent part of his youth at the home farm in Arkwright and at the age of three years upon the death of his last surviving parent, his father, he was brought up by Grandfather Gage, in the town of Hanover, where he gained a good public school education. He was familiar with farm labor in his early youth, and in 1891 he purchased property in Celoron and for many years has been engaged in real estate and other lines of business. He is a justice of the peace, and has long been interested in village affairs, having served as president of the village since 1920. He is a successful business man, and enjoys the warm regard of a wide circle of friends. He is a Republican in politics, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

"Squire" Melvin married, in Forestville, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Oct. 9, 1890, Kate Mary Budd, born Jan. 17, 1867, in Forestville, daughter of Louis and Catherine (Greb) Budd. Mr. and Mrs. Melvin are the parents of four children: Allene I., born April 18, 1893; Mildred E., born April 23, 1899; Malcolm M., born Dec. 10, 1901; and Gertrude H., born Jan. 24, 1907. All the children reside with their parents at the family residence at No. 46 Melvin avenue, which was erected by Mr. Melvin on the avenue named in his honor.

**CHARLES C. SWART**—A native son of Chautauqua county, where his years, sixty-three, have been passed, Mr. Swart, although having farming interests which are committed to a tenant, has for thirty years been engaged in the baggage and express business in the village of Lakewood, where he also has an oil and gasoline service station. His farm lies in the town of Busti, his home in Lakewood. It has not been in business alone that Mr. Swart has gained prominence, but as a citizen he has taken active part in the development of the village of Lakewood and has given much time to the public service. Charles C. Swart is a son of Clemence Swart, born in Strassburg, Germany, and his wife, Roena (Sullivan) Swart, born in Clymer, Chautauqua county, N. Y.

Charles C. Swart was born in the town of Harmony, Chautauqua county, N. Y., April 9, 1857. He attended public school and until attaining man's estate was his

father's farm assistant. When starting business life on his own account, he continued in the same occupation, and until locating in Lakewood cultivated his own farm in Busti very successfully. In 1800 he began the teaming, baggage and express business in Lakewood, to which he has now added an automobile service station, having the assistance of his sons in conducting these lines of business activity. He is a member of the Patrons of Husbandry, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the United Brethren church. In politics he is a Republican, his service to the village comprising seven years as a member of the Board of Education, and four years as village trustee, part of the time serving as president of the board.

Mr. Swart married, in Harmony, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Jan. 15, 1870, Polly J. Alexander, born in Harmony, Feb. 22, 1856, daughter of Alpheus and Rachel (Wellman) Alexander, both parents born in Harmony, her father a farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Swart are the parents of four children: Alfred C., born Oct. 9, 1882, married Rose Nichols; C. Archie, born Dec. 10, 1884, married Eva Duffy; Lafayette, born Jan. 16, 1888, married Myrtle Maring, and they have two sons: Lafayette, Jr., and Charles A.; Ada R., born July 6, 1895, now (1921) residing at home.

**GEORGE BURNHAM MARTIN**—Aaron Martin, with his sons, Captain William and Isaac Martin, came from Columbia county, N. Y., in 1811, and settled in the town of Busti, Chautauqua county, N. Y. Aaron Martin was the founder of the Martin family in Chautauqua county, a family that has been prominent in the county for a century.

Capt. William Martin, grandfather of George B. Martin, was born at Claverack, Columbia county, N. Y., Nov. 7, 1780, and died Sept. 13, 1875, at his farm in the town of Kiantone, Chautauqua county. He came with his father to the town of Busti, in 1811, and with his brother, Isaac Martin, took up lot No. 23, township 1, range 11, in what is now Kiantone, and there the greater part of his after life was spent. In 1828 he returned to Busti and the old farm in order to care for his father's family, and there he remained until about the year 1847, when he came to his own home in Kiantone and there remained until his death. William Martin served as ensign in the War of 1812 in the company of Lieut. William Forbes, and was taken prisoner on the road between Buffalo and Black Rock the day the British and Indians destroyed Buffalo. He was held a prisoner until May 14, 1814, then was released and later in the same year was again in the service. In 1816 he was commissioned a captain of militia. He was a strict temperance man and whiskey was prohibited among the farm workmen, although it was almost the universal custom of the neighborhood to serve it to the farm laborers. He was a Universalist in religious faith, a man of strong character and upright life.

Capt. William Martin married, in 1815, Roxy Pier, of Busti, N. Y., and they were the parents of the following named children: Isaac, Adaline, Abraham, of whom further; Lorenzo, A. Dewey, Sarah A., James D., Lois A., George L., and Elvira A. Mrs. Roxy (Pier) Martin died in March, 1883, surviving her husband eight years.

Abraham Martin, second son of Captain William and Roxy (Pier) Martin, was born in the town of Busti, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Oct. 12, 1818, and died at his farm in Kiantone, the same county, Nov. 29, 1893. With the exception of the years, 1828-1840, which he spent in Busti with his father, Kiantone was his home, his farm part of the original lot No. 23 taken up by his father. He was a prosperous farmer, and active in promoting general public interests. He was a Republican in politics, but when the legal suppression of the liquor traffic became a political issue he became an ally of the Prohibition cause. He was also in favor of enfranchising women, and at various times served as a trustee of Universalist churches in Kiantone, Frewsburg and Jamestown.

Abraham Martin married Mary E. Burnham, daughter of Eliphalet Burnham and his second wife, Belvidera (Carter) Burnham, and a descendant of Thomas Burnham, who settled in Hartford, Conn., in 1635. Eliphalet Burnham, born in East Hartford, Conn., in 1779, settled in the town of Pomfret on lot 6, township 5, in 1805, and became one of the prominent men of that town. In 1834 he bought the paper mill at Laona, in Pomfret, and was the owner until leaving the State for Pennsylvania, where he died Sept. 27, 1863. Mr. Burnham was open-hearted, public-spirited and generous, his house the abode of hospitality, the early settlers and their families freely using it until their own homes were ready for occupancy. He was a devout Baptist, belonging to the church in Fredonia, then joined the Laona church by letter. His second wife, Belvidera (Carter) Burnham, was the daughter of Elijah Carter, who settled in the town of Charlotte, in 1817; she was a woman of fine mind and character, described as an "inveterate worker" and "pattern of neatness." She died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mary E. Martin, in Kiantone, aged nearly ninety years. Mr. and Mrs. Martin were the parents of three children: 1. Ellen A., born Jan. 16, 1847; she was the first woman law student in Chautauqua county; in 1871 she began the study of law with Cook & Lockwood, and two years later entered the law school of the University of Michigan, whence she was graduated in 1875; in January, 1876, she was admitted to the bar of the State of Illinois, and the same year began the practice of her profession in Chicago, where she became a successful lawyer and long continued in practice. 2. Willis E., born June 13, 1850, married Edith Morris; he was treasurer of the H. K. Porter Locomotive Works of Pittsburgh, Pa., where he resided for a number of years. 3. George Burnham, of whom further.

George Burnham Martin, youngest of the children of Abraham and Mary E. (Burnham) Martin, was born in Carroll, now Kiantone, Chautauqua county, N. Y., June 3, 1853, and died at his farm in Kiantone, April 29, 1896. He was a graduate of Jamestown High School and Princeton College, receiving his degree of A. B. from Princeton in 1876. He did some teaching and tutoring and about this time of his life pursued a course in theology at the Union Theological Seminary in New York City, later, however, following the life of a farmer. He was a man of intellect and high character, greatly beloved by all who knew him, and was highly regarded in Kiantone.



Mr. Martin married, in Kiantone, July 2, 1878, Tella Evans, born in the town of Carroll, June 8, 1853, daughter of Addis and Helen (Traver) Evans. Mrs. Tella (Evans) Martin survives her husband, and in 1909 bought her present farm consisting of twenty-one acres at Cheney's Point in North Harmony, her postoffice, Ashville, R. F. D. 63. Her only son, Frederick P. Martin, born May 8, 1882, in Effingham, Kan., resides with his mother. Margaret Helen, the only daughter, born in Jamestown, N. Y., Nov. 12, 1887, became the wife of Maynard T. Strickland, and resides at Cheney's Point.

**MARTIN JOSEPH PAQUIN**—Though Martin Joseph Paquin may be a native of Canada, he is nevertheless a good, staunch American, a citizen who is a credit to his city and who endeavors to assist in the welfare of that municipality. In business he is painstaking and careful, and may be classed among the reliable jewelers of Jamestown.

Born in Hamilton, Canada, Nov. 11, 1881, Martin Joseph Paquin was only six years old when his parents, Joseph and Elizabeth Paquin, crossed the border line and took up their residence in Jamestown. The elder Paquin immediately entered into the grocery business, meeting with considerable success. He is now deceased, as is also his wife. Martin J. Paquin attended the parochial schools as a boy until seventeen years of age, when he entered the employ of J. M. Cushman, who was in the jewelry business at Brooklyn square, Jamestown. He served an apprenticeship for three years, at the expiration of which time he went into the store of Joseph Keiser on Third street as a salesman, remaining with Mr. Keiser for two years; then, Mr. Keiser selling out his business to Frank Chase, young Paquin remained with the new owner for one year. He then had an opportunity to better his position, and he entered the store of S. P. Carlson on South Main street, but at the end of six months he returned to Mr. Chase, where he had formerly been employed. Eventually Mr. Chase sold his business, and Mr. Paquin accepted a position with B. L. Arnson on Main street. After five years he entered into partnership with his employer, the firm name being Arnson & Paquin. This was in 1912. Two years later the young man sold his interest in the business to Mr. Arnson, and in 1914 established the store of Paquin & Company at No. 103 West Third street, dealers in jewelry, silverware, etc., and is still located there. Mr. Paquin is a member of the Board of Commerce, of Jamestown, and is actively interested in all its work. He also is connected with the Knights of Columbus, taking a prominent part in the association. The Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks are others of Mr. Paquin's interests, being affiliated with the local lodges. He and his family attend the Roman Catholic church.

Martin Joseph Paquin was married in Jamestown, Aug. 31, 1904, to Catherine Clair Cooper, the daughter of James Cooper, who was for several years prior to his death in the Art Metal Company of Jamestown. Mr. and Mrs. Paquin have one child, James, who is at present a pupil in the parochial school. The greatest pleasure of Mr. Paquin's life is to spend his little vacations out in the open. With his gun or fishing rod he may be found tramping for miles through the deep,

still woods or beside some quiet stream in search of the wary trout, enjoying the life of the great out-of-doors.

**CHARLES T. CHAPMAN, D. D. S.**, is one of the well known professional men of Mayville and Chautauqua county, as was his father, the late C. Frank Chapman, who was a prominent attorney. C. Frank Chapman was born at Woodstock, Windham county, Conn., but came to Chautauqua county with his parents, who settled in Stockton, and when old enough, attended the village school of Mayville. Later the young man entered the law office of Obed Edson at Sinclairville, in preparation for his future legal studies. He became a student at the Albany Law School, graduating from it in 1876. Following this, he located in Sinclairville, where he practiced law for some time. He later moved to Stockton and eventually, in 1896, located in Mayville, continuing the practice of law there until his death, Aug. 6, 1914, at the age of sixty-three years.

Mr. Chapman was very active in all public affairs connected with Mayville, serving on the Board of Education and the Village Board for some years while he lived there. He also represented the towns of Stockton and Charlotte. C. Frank Chapman was a man highly respected in the community in which he lived, and his death was greatly lamented. He married Fannie Morris Chapman, and to them were born four children: Leo L., a business man of Fargo, N. D.; Lena M., now residing at the home of her mother; Anna M., a teacher in one of the schools at Utica, N. Y.; and Dr. Charles T. Chapman, of further mention.

Dr. Charles T. Chapman received his early education in the grammar and high schools of Mayville, taking the regular high school course. After that he went to the Chamberlain Military Institute, at Randolph, N. Y., where he received a course of military training, and at which he was commissioned a captain. Following his graduation from the military school at Randolph, he pursued a course in dentistry at the University of Buffalo, from which he graduated in 1912 with the degree of D. D. S. He passed the examination of the State Dental Board, and in the same year went to Medina, where he was associated with Dr. G. H. Simmonds. He remained there but a short time, when he came back to Mayville and in 1913 opened an office of his own, where he has practiced ever since.

Dr. Chapman is a Republican and greatly interested in the political life of his home town. He was at one time a member of the School Board and is now a trustee of the village. He is a member of the State and National Dental societies.

In Mayville, Nov. 29, 1913, Dr. Chapman married May Granger, a resident of that place. Of this union two children were born: Mary Anne and James Morris. Mrs. Chapman's father, Dr. James Granger, was a dentist of Mayville. He was very active in all things connected with Freemasonry, being a Mason of some prominence, a highly respected gentleman, and a successful dentist. He died in 1913.

**WILLIS H. WHITE**, a prosperous and representative farmer of Conewango Valley, Chautauqua county, N. Y., and for some years an overseer of the poor in





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that district, is a native of the county, having been born in Ellington, Chautauqua county, N. Y., June 8, 1880, the son of Delos W. and Martha M. (Main) White, the former a respected and successful farmer of that neighborhood for the greater part of his life.

Willis H. White in his young days attended the graded school at Ellington, after passing through which he became a student in the Ellington High School, from which he eventually graduated, creditably. Thereafter, until the present, he has applied himself industriously, intelligently and successfully to farming occupations, and has applied many modern scientific methods to the working of his farm at Conewango Valley. He is a member of the local Grange, and is a conscientious Christian, member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Conewango Valley, of which institution he is a steady supporter. And during the recent war, he contributed loyally and unstintedly to the various national funds raised for the proper prosecution of the war, in its many phases. Also, during that time of tension and national effort, he, as a loyal, whole-hearted American agriculturist, applied himself with even greater zest to matters of production upon his own farm, to cooperate in the supreme national effort to bring such an abnormal yield of foodstuffs that this nation would be able to make up to its allies what they, because of the close proximity of the strife, had been unable to produce. What was the result of that effort by American farmers is now history, and creditable history, and those who had part in the endeavor have reason to be pleased with the outcome, and to have such individual part duly noted in individual history.

Willis H. White was married at Ellington, Chautauqua county, N. Y., March 27, 1907, to Rosa E. Alverson, born Sept. 3, 1881, the daughter of James W. and Mary A. (Davis) Alverson. Her father was born in Leon, Cattaraugus county, N. Y., and lived there until about twelve years old, then moved to Ellington, and her mother belongs to the Davis family of Ellington, Chautauqua county, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Willis H. White are the parents of three children: Muriel, born Feb. 25, 1909; Grace, born Feb. 11, 1912; Mary Alice, born Dec. 28, 1915.

Mr. White is representative of the enterprising younger farmers of Chautauqua county, is an indefatigable worker, a good and hospitable neighbor, and a man of good integrity, moral and material.

**ARTHUR R. GORANSON** is reckoned to be one of the foremost musicians in Jamestown. From his boyhood music had a great attraction for him, forming the one great interest in his life.

He was born in Chicago, Ill., Dec. 1, 1880, his parents being Nels R. and Julia (Jacobson) Goranson. They were both natives of Sweden, but came to America before the birth of their son Arthur R., residing for a time in Chicago. Nels R. Goranson was a teacher of music and the organist and choir director of the Swedish Zion Church in Jamestown at the time of his death, which occurred Dec. 8, 1912. His wife is still living.

Young Goranson attended the public schools of Chicago, graduating from the high school. After this he took a course at North Park College, and it was during

this time that he decided upon music as his future career. Taking up the serious study of this art he entered the American Conservatory of Music at Chicago, taking the academic and normal course, and after that the post-graduate course. He received a certificate of efficiency, having completed the course of study in piano and harmony, testifying as to his ability to be a teacher in these branches. Mr. Goranson left Chicago in 1908, going to Jamestown, N. Y., where he taught a class in piano training at his home. In the fall of 1900 he returned to Chicago and completed his post-graduate course; he returned to Jamestown and resumed the teaching of music in the summer of 1910. About this time Mr. Goranson became assistant organist in the Swedish Zion Church, and in January, 1911, he became organist of the Swedish Methodist Episcopal Church, which position he held until July, 1913, when he returned to the Swedish Zion Church as organist and director, a position he continued to hold until September, 1917, when he became organist and musical director at the First Methodist Episcopal Church in Jamestown, and at the present time occupies this position. In the fall of 1910 Mr. Goranson became connected with the Jamestown Conservatory of Music, and since that time has been the teacher of piano, organ and cornet playing and the theory of music. At one time Mr. Goranson was on the Board of Aldermen, representing the Third ward. He also was connected with the Hanvey Motor Sales Company, being vice-president of it, and at the present time is proprietor of the Goranson Music Store, having succeeded J. A. Eckman, May 15, 1920.

Mr. Goranson married, in Jamestown, June 23, 1915, Evelyn Lindberg, a resident of that city. They have one child, Phyllis, born May 16, 1918.

**ELMER E. WILLING**, respected and successful farmer, well known to agriculturists in the Westfield section of Chautauqua county, N. Y., prominent in the functioning of Volusia Grange, and a member of the Republican county committee, comes of one of the pioneer families of Chautauqua county, N. Y. His family has been in the county for a century, in fact, his father, a century ago, came to live on the tract now tilled by him, and he was born in the house in which he has lived all his life, with the exception of two years.

Elmer E. Willing was born Feb. 28, 1861, the son of William J. and Sarah (Parment) Willing. In his youth he attended the district school nearest to his home, and long before he finally closed his schooling he had become skilled in many of the minor tasks of farm life. After leaving school, he applied himself busily to the affairs of his father's farm, and when his father died, and the property passed to his brother and himself, in equal shares, they became business partners, and jointly cultivated the land until the former's death. Isaac Jenkins Willing, brother of Elmer E. Willing, never married, and at his death, which occurred Jan. 21, 1916, the farm became the property of the surviving brother, Elmer E. It is a well-improved tract of 114 acres, there is an extensive vineyard, and the balance of the acreage is well adapted for the purpose to which it has been put, dairying and general farming.

Mr. Willing is a Presbyterian by descent and con-

viction, but there being no church of his faith within convenient distance of his farm, he and his family attend the Methodist Episcopal church, to which he contributes consistently. He is interested in all things relating to agriculture, and for many years has been a member of the farmers' fraternal organization, the Grange; he is a past master of Volusia Grange, and also its present overseer. In political movements he has taken some part, but he has not concerned himself actively in the majority of national political campaigns, although he has been a loyal member of the Republican party. In his district, however, he is a factor of some consequence in political matters, and has held some offices in the local administration, including those of collector and constable.

On Jan. 20, 1887, Mr. Willing married Minnie Elizabeth Swartz, of the same township. They were the parents of three children, two of whom they succeeded in rearing. The deceased child, Ruth, whose fine nature caused them to love her with parental devotion, was a student at the Westfield High School when she became sick and died, at the age of seventeen years, just as she appeared to be blossoming into a becoming womanhood. It was a sad blow to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer E. Willing, but the keenness of the loss has been tempered by the realization that they still have two devoted daughters, who have both remained with them. These two, the surviving children of Elmer E. and Minnie Elizabeth (Swartz) Willing, are: 1. Alice Irene, who was educated in the district and Westfield high schools, and afterwards, having decided to enter the teaching profession, at the State Normal School at Fredonia, from which she graduated and went into professional life in due course. For seven years she was a teacher in Chautauqua county schools, but recently she has remained home with her parents. 2. Dorothy Esther, who was educated at the district and Westfield high schools, and has since remained at home.

By reason of the association of his family with the pioneers of Chautauqua county, Elmer E. Willing has a right to inclusion in county history, and also by reason of his own steadfastness of purpose, many decades of activity in useful productiveness and material independence, his interest in all things pertaining to Chautauqua county, and the esteem and respect felt for him by other responsible Chautauqua county people should be sufficient to gain him note in the work. He is much esteemed in his own community, is well known among agriculturists in other sections of the county, and he appears to be universally liked.

**HENRY SHERMAN STRUNK**—The Strunk family formed an important element of the community in the town of Ellicott. About the year 1750, Henry Strunk and his sister, Katharine Strunk, arrived in New York from the north of Germany. Henry worked for five years and Katharine for three years to pay their passage money. Later Henry Strunk settled at Troy, N. Y., where he died in old age, leaving ten children. John Strunk, eighth son, and Jonas Simmons came to Jamestown, N. Y., in 1809. Jonas Simmons, whose wife was Elsie (Strunk) Simmons, settled on what has later been known as the Gilbert Strunk farm at Fluvanna, and John Strunk located on the Dwight

Strunk farm northwest of Jamestown. The Simmons' family had fifteen children, of whom thirteen came with them, while John Strunk and wife brought six children with them into the wilderness. Jacob Strunk, an elder brother of John Strunk, brought his wife and ten children from the old homestead in Rensselaer county to Chautauqua county in 1816. From that day to this the Strunk family have been prominent in this part of Chautauqua county, intermarrying with many of the old families of the county, and developing a family history that every member of the family may well be proud of. There are few of the old families in the town of Ellicott that are not related in some way to the Strunks.

Henry Sherman Strunk, whose career is herein traced, is a descendant of Jacob Strunk, aforementioned, his parents, Charles R. Strunk, born in Fluvanna, and Amy (Sherman) Strunk, born in the town of Ellicott, being lifelong residents of that section. Charles R. Strunk was a prosperous farmer, a man well liked and highly esteemed.

Henry Sherman Strunk was born at the homestead in the town of Ellicott, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Aug. 3, 1869, and is now (1921) an honored, substantial farmer of his native town. He was educated in the public schools and Jamestown Business College, his years of school life having been well improved. His entire business life has been devoted to agriculture in its varied forms, and he has caused his acres to yield him profitable returns. He is a man of enterprise and progress, standing well in the community in which his life has been passed. He is a member of the Patrons of Husbandry, an official of the local grange, and a Republican in politics.

Mr. Strunk married, in Jamestown, Oct. 21, 1897, Aurilla Sherman, born March 3, 1872, in Columbus, Pa., daughter of Ira G. and Frances (Bull) Sherman, and granddaughter of Gideon Sherman, a prosperous farmer and cattle buyer of the town of Busti, in the part that is now Ellicott. Ira G. Sherman was born in Ellicott, Chautauqua county, N. Y., and his wife was born in England. Mrs. Strunk is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. and Mrs. Strunk are the parents of two children: Hazel Allene, born Sept. 9, 1898, an expert bookkeeper in the employ of the Pennsylvania Gas Company in Jamestown; Charles Henry, born April 18, 1902, a clerk in the Bank of Jamestown.

**R. LISTON SPENCER**, a well known agriculturist, residing on lot 13, Kiantone township, N. Y., was born in Kiantone, N. Y., Oct. 13, 1869, and is the son of Smith Spencer, born in Kiantone, Aug. 28, 1820, and Mary Ann (King) Spencer, born in Ashville, N. Y., Nov. 18, 1838.

R. Liston Spencer received his early education in the public schools of Kiantone and Jamestown, N. Y., and Jamestown Business College. After finishing his studies, he spent several years at office and mill work in Jamestown and Frewsburg, N. Y., and Hazelhurst, Pa. In 1902, he returned to the old homestead in Kiantone, now known as Eastview Farm, a part of which was purchased by Mr. Spencer's grandfather, Charles Spencer, from the Holland Land Company, in 1818,



the latter named having come to Chautauqua county in 1816. Mr. Spencer's great-grandfather Smith came to Chautauqua county in 1817. R. Liston Spencer devoted his time to general farming, in which occupation he continues at the present time. In politics, Mr. Spencer votes independently. He is connected financially with the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank of Jamestown. He is prominent in social circles as well as business circles, being a member of the Knights of the Maccabees; Dairymen's League; Farm Bureau, and the Grange.

On Sept. 8, 1894, at Kantone, N. Y., Mr. Spencer married Hattie Bell Wright, born Dec. 1, 1871, a daughter of Joel L. Wright, born at Knoxborough, N. Y., Sept. 23, 1843, and Emily Francisco Wright, born at Augusta, N. Y., Oct. 22, 1846. To this union have been born four children: Iva May, born Aug. 17, 1896; Fern Isabelle, born July 17, 1898; Mildred Elizabeth, born May 30, 1901; and Marion Emily, born May 10, 1906, died March 30, 1909.

In conclusion would say that Mr. Spencer is a man of superior business ability, of strict integrity and sterling worth, stands high in the esteem of his associates, and has a host of close friends throughout his native township.

**FRANK WORTHINGTON SMITH**, owner of the oldest grist mill in the town of Chautauqua, Chautauqua county, N. Y., has had a successful career in merchandising, milling, and farming enterprises, and has lived in Chautauqua county all his life.

The Smith family homestead, in which he was born July 27, 1874, was situated about one-quarter of a mile from his present home and place of business, Hartfield, Chautauqua county. His parents, William and Amanda (Dibble) Smith, had lived in the neighborhood for many years prior to that; in fact, William Smith was an infant when his father, grandfather of Frank W. Smith, settled in Chautauqua county, and took part in the early pioneer efforts to bring the wild country into successful cultivation.

In his youth, Frank W. Smith attended the old Plank Road district school, and even in his youngest school days did much work upon the paternal farm. When he was eleven years of age, he bound himself to a farmer in Ripley township so that he might be able to attend school in that place, where the facilities were so much better than those which prevailed in the smaller school of his own district. He continued working for the Ripley farmer until he was in his second year in the Ripley High School. Then he closed his school days altogether, and for seven years thereafter found steady employment on the state highway, taking part in the construction of a substantial brick and cement highway, twenty-nine miles in length, between Westfield and Jamestown, N. Y. In March, 1913, he went into independent business in Hartfield, as a dealer in grain, feed and coal, and in course of time acquired another mill and farm, within the boundaries of the town of Chautauqua, N. Y., this later purchase giving him the distinction of owning the oldest grist mill in Chautauqua.

Mr. Smith has always been an energetic, resolute worker, and his success has been based mainly upon

that good quality. Ability as a man of business has had of course consequential part in his success, and other good qualities have contributed, but in the main determined application to the work that came to his hand has been his main stepping-stone to success. His farming operations need quite a lot of his time, and his feed business is of such extent that he has steady employment for three men, for besides the retailing of feed, grain, coal, and such like commodities, he does quite a lot of custom grinding for neighboring mills.

The Smiths were originally from Herkimer county, N. Y., but four generations have now had residence in Chautauqua county. Amanda (Dibble) Smith, mother of Frank W. Smith, is still living, and is with her son. The family church is the Methodist Episcopal, of which Mr. Smith is a steady supporter.

On Nov. 28, 1895, Mr. Smith married Lillian Shaw, of Mayville, N. Y. They have six children: 1. Clifford, born Feb. 10, 1897; he graduated at the Mayville High School, and is now agent of the Jamestown & Northwestern Railway, at Mayville, N. Y.; he married Eva Hall. 2. Clayton, born Oct. 9, 1898; was educated in the public schools of Mayville, N. Y., and now assists his father in the management of the feed and coal business. 3. Leola, born June 5, 1905. 4. Clair, born Aug. 8, 1907. 5. Cleo, born Jan. 6, 1912. 6. Linetta, born April 29, 1913. The four last named children all attend school.

Bearing in mind that his success in life has been entirely unaided, and despite many discouraging circumstances in his years of schooling, and early business effort, the rise of Frank Worthington Smith from comparative poverty to a position of consequential substance in his community is a meritorious achievement. He is a sincere worker for the advancement of his home town and in its political life has taken some part. He is a Republican, and member of the town Republican committee. During the war, he gave unstinted support to the various patriotic funds raised for the furtherance of the great cause.

**GEORGE W. SMILEY**, one of the best known and most highly esteemed residents of Ellicott township, Chautauqua county, N. Y., was born March 13, 1843, in the town of Fluvanna, N. Y., and has resided all his life in this locality. He is a member of an old American family, the members of which have established a remarkable record of patriotism in the various wars of the Nation. Mr. Smiley's great-grandfather, William Smiley, served in the American War for Independence which gave birth to the Republic, and his grandfather, Joseph Smiley, was a soldier in the War of 1812, in which war also a great-uncle, William Smiley, served and lost his life. Mr. Smiley himself completed this record by taking part in the Civil War, serving through the last four years of that momentous struggle. His parents were Asel and Charlotte (Johnston) Smiley, respected residents of Fluvanna, where the former was engaged in the wagon-maker's trade for many years.

The childhood of George W. Smiley was passed on his father's farm at Fluvanna, and he there learned the trade followed by his father, and gained a general knowledge of agriculture, while at the same time he

attended the local district schools. Upon completing his studies at these institutions, he took up both farming and wagon making as an occupation, and has followed them ever since with a high degree of success. During this time he served continuously for over twenty-five years as one of the four justices of the peace for the town of Ellicott. In course of time he inherited a part of his father's property, and today resides on the same old family homestead where his birth occurred seventy-seven years ago. Mr. Smiley is a man of strong character and rugged physical health, the latter, at least, a heritage of the wholesome outdoor occupation that he has pursued so consistently throughout his life. His success has been entirely due to his own indefatigable industry and intelligent use of his opportunities, and he well deserves the high regard in which he is held by his fellow-townsmen. Mr. Smiley was nineteen years of age when, in 1862, he enlisted in the 7th Company of the First Battalion of Sharpshooters, and as a member of that military unit he served to the end of the Civil War, participating in many major and minor engagements, and finally being mustered out of service, June 27, 1865. He has always kept alive his associations formed at that period, and is a greatly honored member of James M. Brown Post, Grand Army of the Republic, of Jamestown, N. Y., also of Union Veteran Legion, No. 95, of Jamestown, N. Y.

George W. Smiley was united in marriage, June 8, 1875, at Jamestown, with Estella Brockway, a daughter of Newell and Abby (Lee) Brockway, the former a farmer of Chautauqua county and a veteran of the Civil War. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Smiley, as follows: Bertha E. and Asel N. Smiley.

**OTTO KRAUSE**—Among the prosperous and influential farmers of Mayville, Chautauqua county, N. Y., none holds a higher place in the regard and affection of his fellowmen than Otto Krause, with whose career we are here especially concerned, who is one of the influential citizens in these parts, and takes a very prominent part in the activities undertaken for the advancement of the social weal. Otto Krause is a native of Germany, born Sept. 29, 1870, a son of Louis and Louise (Gabel) Krause, who were old and highly respected residents there.

Otto Krause received his education in the public schools of Germany, and after completing the necessary courses in these institutions set out to learn the trade of carpenter. He was engaged at this trade in many different cities of Germany, with great success, and it was not until 1892 that he had decided to try his fortune in the new world, which he did, coming to America in that year, and upon arriving settled at Buffalo, N. Y., engaging in business there as a carpenter. Although Mr. Krause had made a considerable success in this line, he was compelled to leave Buffalo on account of failing health, but later came to Mayville, where he obtained a position on a farm. Despite the fact that the compensation at this place was very meagre, Mr. Krause, through very frugal living, managed to save up a moderate amount of money, and in 1904 was enabled to purchase a farm, consisting of 104 acres. Since taking possession of this place, Mr. Krause has remodeled the barn and has made an un-

derground stable, as well as installed all modern improvements in his residence. He added somewhat to the original structure, and the place is regarded here as a comfortable home. Mr. Krause is without doubt a "self-made man" in every sense of the term. He is a Methodist in his religious belief and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Summerdale, supporting the charitable and philanthropic undertakings of the congregation ardently. He is a Republican in politics.

Otto Krause was united in marriage, Oct. 2, 1899, with Margaret Beck, a native of Buffalo, and a daughter of Fred and Pauline (Maurer) Beck, old and highly respected residents here. Mr. and Mrs. Krause are the parents of the following children: Otto Fred, who is employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company; Louise, a student in the schools of Mayville; Freda, a student in the schools of Mayville; Clara, Louis and George.

**ISAAC A. SHEARMAN**—At the first town meeting of the town of Busti, Chautauqua county, N. Y., which was held at the house of Heman Bush, March 2, 1824, Daniel Shearman was elected the first supervisor of the town and commissioner of schools. He was one of the early settlers of the town, and a brother of Isaac and Nicholas Shearman. All of these brothers bought land in Busti, but Daniel, son of Nicholas Shearman, was the only Shearman of that old stock living in the town. The descendants of Isaac and Daniel Shearman settled in other towns, Isaac A. Shearman, to whose memory this review is inscribed, being born in Ellicott, where he spent his life and died at the age of seventy-two, a man of strong character and sterling worth. This branch of the Shearman family is of New England ancestry, Gideon A. Shearman, father of Isaac A. Shearman, being born in Vermont. He married Aurilla A. Reade, and they came to Chautauqua county, N. Y., where their son Isaac A., was born. Through marriage this family traces to the Mayflower colony.

Isaac A. Shearman was born in the town of Ellicott, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Dec. 8, 1842, and died at his home in his native town, March 10, 1914. He attended the district school, and spent his youth as his father's farm assistant. On Aug. 5, 1862, he enlisted in the Union army, served with honor, and was honorably discharged at Washington, D. C., Aug. 28, 1865. After his return from the army, Mr. Shearman learned the carpenter's trade, and after his marriage in 1870 he began contracting for the erection of buildings, making that his business until the close of his life. He was a member of the Free Methodist church, and a Republican. His life was one of industry and he prospered through his own energy and ability.

Mr. Shearman married, in Mayville, Chautauqua county, N. Y., July 4, 1870, Lilla Nutt, born Aug. 5, 1852, daughter of Guy Irving Nutt, born in Busti, Chautauqua county, N. Y., and his wife, Adeline R. (Dawley) Nutt, born in Busti. Mr. and Mrs. Shearman were the parents of five children, as follows: Ardella A., deceased; Charles A., deceased; Roy N., married Bessie I. Frey, and has a daughter, Ruth Frances; Ruth C., married Mark Barker, and has a daughter, Irene Ruhamah; Grace P., deceased.



**WORTHY A. ROLPH**, painter and decorator of Celoron, came from a Stockton family long seated in that, the leading dairy town of Chautauqua county. He is a son of Worthy J. and Jane Elizabeth (Crandall) Rolph, his father born in Stockton, a farmer, and his mother born at Beech Hill, near Hartfield, Chautauqua county, N. Y. The family moved to Celoron prior to 1894, and there built a residence on Dunham avenue and Linwood street. Mrs. Rolph made her home there until her death, May 4, 1911, she bequeathing the property to her son, Worthy A. Rolph, who there yet resides.

Worthy A. Rolph was born in the town of Stockton, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Dec. 25, 1879, and was educated in the public schools. After the removal of the family to Celoron, he learned the trade of painter and has followed it to the present time (1920). He is a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, and in politics is a Socialist. Mr. Rolph married, Dec. 4, 1906, in Celoron, Ethel Star Penhollow, born Aug. 20, 1883, in the town of Clymer, N. Y., daughter of Winfield Scott and Patience E. (Silvernail) Penhollow. Mr. and Mrs. Rolph are the parents of four children: Bernice L., born Dec. 14, 1907; Lawrence Worthy, born Oct. 2, 1909; Helen Elizabeth, born March 14, 1912; and Lois Jane, born Feb. 8, 1914.

**FRANKLIN CHARLES RATER**, a native of Chautauqua county, N. Y., and the possessor of an extensive farm in the Ripley township of Chautauqua county, N. Y., even though his official postal address is listed in a rural free delivery route from North East, Erie county, Pa., has proved by his development of his present valuable farm, which fifteen years ago was very much impoverished in condition, that he is a skillful farmer, one possessed of enterprise as well as energy.

He was born in Mina township, Chautauqua county, N. Y., July 10, 1866, the son of Charles and Jane (Gilborn) Rater. He comes of an old Chautauqua county family, and his father, who is still living and still actively directs a farm, has owned a farm in the Ripley township for more than fifty years, and is generally esteemed in the neighborhood. The parental farm is about five miles from that of the son, who was only two years old when he was brought by his parents from Mina township to Ripley township, and with one exception, when in his early manhood, he returned to the township of his nativity for a few years to operate a saw mill in that place, he has lived all his life since his second year in Ripley township. His schooling was obtained in Ripley district schools, and practically all his life associations have been with people of that neighborhood.

The farm he now owns he bought in 1902; it was a big farm, more than 150 acres, but in very poor condition. Mr. Rater has brought about a remarkable improvement in the soil, has remodeled the house and barns, has built a silo, and in many other ways has improved the property with thoroughness and forethought. He set out a grape vineyard, twenty-two acres in extent, and has twenty-eight acres in other fruit; has rich pasture land and raises much wheat

and corn. He has some fine horses and twenty cattle. Altogether he has a valuable property, for which possession he may thank himself, for it was only by his own energetic labor and management, and his comprehensive understanding of farming, that he was able to bring the land into its present high state of cultivation. He has not been able to get all the farm help that he would like and could find employment for, yet his average outgoing in wages for farm help is about \$1,000 yearly. It will therefore be appreciated that his farming operations are consequential. He is a member of Ripley Grange, and is much interested in all things that have any relation to farming. He is particularly interested in dairy farming and fruit growing. He and his wife attend the Presbyterian church, and fraternally he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, North East, Pa., and the Encampment, Erie, Pa. In national politics he is a Democrat; in local affairs has taken a somewhat active part and he might have been elected to many local offices, but he has been too busy in his farming enterprises to give the time necessary in such offices; he has, however, accepted the responsibilities and labors of the offices of school trustee and tax collector.

On Dec. 8, 1891, Mr. Rater married Minne Marshall, of North East. To them was born one child, Harry, who, however, died when only two years old.

Mr. Rater is well representative of the energetic, enterprising, and successful agriculturists of Chautauqua county, of this generation, and by reason of the association of his family with the county for so long it is gratifying that record of his family can be made in the present work.

**FRANK O. REMINGTON**—The Remingtons came to Chautauqua county from Cattaraugus county, N. Y., William W. Remington being a farmer of the town of Dayton, where he married Emma Markham, also of Dayton, removing about the year 1800 to the town of Red House, N. Y. They were the parents of Frank O., of whom further.

Frank O. Remington was born in the town of Dayton, Cattaraugus county, N. Y., July 24, 1867. He was educated in the public schools of the district, removing with his parents to the town of Red House, Cattaraugus county, N. Y., where he grew to manhood. He married, in Salamanca, Cattaraugus county, N. Y., April 20, 1893, Jessie E. Vickery, born in the town of Salamanca, May 27, 1874, daughter of John T. and Clotilda E. Vickery; her father was born in Baldwinsville, N. Y., her mother born in Randolph, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Remington are the parents of six children: 1. Carey V., born Jan. 25, 1894. 2. Carolyn A., born Sept. 5, 1895, who became the wife of E. H. Le Baron, who joined the United States army in August, 1918, and was honorably discharged in New York City, without seeing foreign service. 3. Arthur B., born June 12, 1897; he joined the United States army Sept. 18, 1918, saw service in a replacement camp (Wheeler) in Macon, Ga., receiving an honorable discharge before going overseas; he was married Oct. 30, 1915, to Minnie Troutman, of Gowanda, and has three children. 4. M. Jay, born Feb. 8, 1902. 5. Carl A., born

May 21, 1904, died Sept. 25, 1904. 6. Richard F., born Sept. 21, 1911. Mr. Remington purchased his present farm Sept. 15, 1904; it lies in section 12, South Dayton, No. 33, town of Villenova.

Frank O. Remington had relatives who were the early pioneers of Chautauqua county, his great-grandfather, Mayo, being killed by the fall of a tree as he was helping clear what now is Main street, Jamestown, Chautauqua county, N. Y.

**CHARLES RAYMOND PUTNAM**, one of the prominent citizens of Kennedy, is a native of Lavant, Chautauqua county, N. Y., where his birth occurred Sept. 14, 1886. Mr. Putnam is a son of Frank and Caroline (Morley) Putnam, old and highly respected residents of this region, where the former was a prominent newspaper man for a number of years.

Charles Raymond Putnam attended as a lad the local public schools. Upon completing his studies at an early age, Mr. Putnam secured a position with the local telephone company and was rapidly advanced until he reached the position of wire chief. Prior to entering the service of the United States, he was employed as automobile salesman for the Eagle Garage Company, Jamestown, N. Y. Mr. Putnam, at the time of the entrance of the United States into the great World Conflict, became a candidate for a commission in the Second Reserve Officers' Training Camp, Aug. 27, 1917, and was given the rank of second lieutenant three months later. He was sent to France with the 90th Division, American Expeditionary Forces, and on Feb. 28, 1919, was commissioned first lieutenant for meritorious services in that country. He was wounded in the great battle of the Argonne Forest, Nov. 8, 1918, three days before the signing of the armistice, while serving with the 179th Brigade Headquarters as liaison officer. Mr. Putnam also acted as intelligence officer with the 179th Brigade, and as aide-de-camp to Brigadier-General J. P. O'Neil, from Nov. 1, 1918, until April 17, 1919, being honorably discharged from the service on the latter date at Camp Dix, N. J. Mr. Putnam is a member of the Masonic order and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a well known figure in social and fraternal circles here. In his religious belief he is a Protestant.

Charles Raymond Putnam was united in marriage, April 17, 1909, at Kennedy, N. Y., with Fern Campbell, a daughter of Levi and Sophronia (De Jean) Campbell. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Putnam, as follows: Charles Campbell, Jan. 29, 1910, and Evelyn May, Dec. 24, 1912.

**JASON EDWARD PRATT**, well-to-do farmer of the Mayville district of Chautauqua county, N. Y., has lived his entire life of fifty-six years in the county, a life which for about forty years, in fact, ever since he left school, has been passed in steady, productive labor. And in return for that consistent labor he has accumulated a monetary competence to make his remaining days comfortable, and when he feels so disposed, leisurable. And he comes of one of the oldest families of the county. His grandfather, Rufus Pratt, comes into the early history of Mayville, for he was a Methodist Epis-

copal minister in different places in Chautauqua county for many years.

Jason Edward Pratt was born in Mayville, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Feb. 21, 1864, the son of John Galloway and Sarah Cordelia (Franklin) Pratt. His mother, who was born in 1838, is still living, and is revered by a very large circle of friends. His father, however, died in 1914, but during the youth and early manhood of Jason E., was a building contractor, undertaking important contracts in the vicinity of Mayville. Many of the finest residences in the Mayville district were built by John Galloway Pratt.

Jason E. Pratt was educated in the Mayville schools, and eventually became apprenticed to carpentry, and for fifteen years thereafter worked at that trade, mainly upon contracts undertaken by his father. In 1900, he acquired the farm upon which he has since lived, and in its cultivation and management has since passed his days industriously, profitably and happily. His farming property, which is 80 acres in extent, is a good one, suitable for dairy and general farming, and for years it has yielded hay, corn, cattle, dairy products and hogs satisfactorily. He has also raised many horses upon the farm.

Mr. Pratt is enthusiastic in matters pertaining to farming, and is an interested member of the Chautauqua County Farm Bureau, the New York State Dairymen's League, and the local Grange. Politically, he is a Republican, but of independent mind. He has very definite opinions upon certain political issues. Mr. Pratt is an earnest member of the Mayville Episcopal Church, and a substantial supporter thereof. And during the war, he generously supported the various war funds raised for the needs of the nation. And in another way, he substantially aided the cause by applying his entire efforts during the time of stress to gain, if possible, an increased yield in food stuffs from his farming property. The part the American farmer, of earnest, loyal heart, played in the war is now national history of distinct credit to the nation, and every farmer who had part in the abnormal yield is entitled to receive a written record of that success.

Jason E. Pratt was married, May 7, 1885, to Mary Effiedene Bond, daughter of Ferando and Ellen (Rh-bottom) Bond. She comes of a very old Chautauqua county family, one of her great-grandfathers having been Solomon Potter, who with a team of oxen came along what now is the Lake road and got as far as what is called Hunts Hill at Potter Cemetery, and found a large tree across the road and could go no farther, but with the philosophical placidity of a typical pioneer, Solomon Potter pitched his tent near the wagon and settled permanently in Chautauqua county. He was a man of stalwart type, and many were his achievements that were unusual. Once he walked to Vermont and back and in those days such travel would not consist merely of walking, the gun having to be constantly handy.

The material success Mr. Pratt has gained is all the more commendable seeing that it was entirely as the result of his own initiative and industry. Mr. Pratt still attends closely to agricultural affairs, and when he needs recreation he finds pleasure in automobiling.



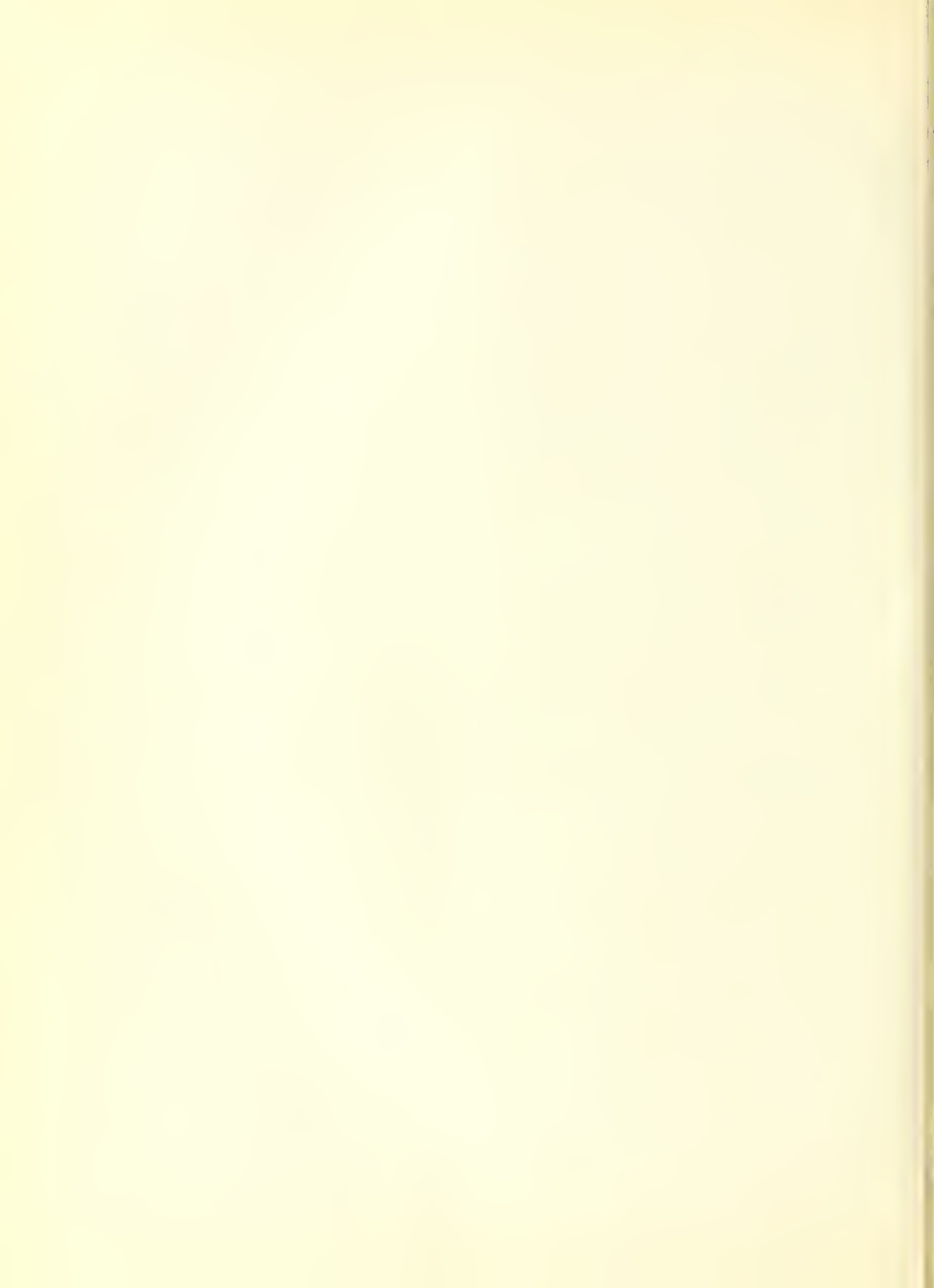


ALBERT NELSON AND FAMILY





THE ALBERT NELSON STOCK FARM NEAR JAMESTOWN, N. Y.



**CLAYTON LECLAIR POLLEY**—Panama, once the leading village and business center of the town of Harmony, Chautauqua county, N. Y., was the ancient home of the Polley family, and there Clayton L. Polley, his father, Eugene Polley, and his mother, Ella (Tanner) Polley, were born.

Clayton L. Polley was born Jan. 30, 1880, and at the age of seven moved to Jamestown, N. Y., where he attended the public schools. At the outbreak of the war with Spain he enlisted in Company E, 65th Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry, his term of enlistment beginning June 15, 1898, and terminating the same year. On Sept. 9, 1899, he again enlisted, this time in the 46th United States Volunteers, and was sent to the Philippines; he served with his regiment until they left for the United States to be mustered out, when he took his discharge, later joining the Military Police of Manila, Philippine Islands, where he spent several years, six of them in the police department of the city of Manila. He returned to the United States in 1907, and was in the office of the Secretary of War for a year. He was then appointed deputy United States marshal for Washington, D. C., and served several years, finally resigning and returning to Chautauqua county, N. Y. In 1912 he bought the farm in the town of Busti upon which he now resides. He is a Republican in politics.

Mr. Polley was married in North Clarendon, Pa., Dec. 15, 1910, to Mae E. Glidden, born in Panama, Chautauqua county, N. Y., May 7, 1885, daughter of Frank M. and Ella Jane (Osborn) Glidden, her father also born in Panama. Mr. and Mrs. Polley are the parents of two children: Luella Glidden, born Oct. 9, 1911; Alberta Glidden, born Nov. 4, 1914.

**ALBERT NELSON**, one of the most successful of the dairy farmers of Chautauqua county, N. Y., where he has been actively engaged in this occupation for a number of years, is a native of Sweden, and a prominent member of the large group of men of Swedish birth or parentage who have settled in this region and done so much to advance the material interests of the community. Mr. Nelson is a son of Charles and Charlotta (Johnson) Nelson, and was born at his parents' home in Sweden, March 31, 1872. His father came to the United States with his family in the year 1884, and they became respected and esteemed residents of Cattaraugus county, N. Y., Mrs. Nelson passing away July 29, 1920.

Albert Nelson was but twelve years of age when he made the trip to this country, and for the short period of seventeen days attended the public schools of his adopted home, and although his school days were short, he educated himself by study and reading. His family had been for many years engaged in farming operations, and the lad gained his first knowledge and experience in his future work while yet a boy. Thereafter he engaged in the same line on his own account, and has ever since continued therein with a notable degree of success. It was in the year 1911 that he became the owner of his present fine property in Ellery township, and in 1915 he moved to it; he at once proceeded to bring it to a high state of cultivation, and has made it one of the model farms of the locality. He has im-

proved the place and erected a number of buildings in order to more adequately equip it for the uses of dairying. In 1914, he built a large and modern barn for the housing of his herds, and his dairy buildings contain all the latest devices and implements for the sanitary handling of the milk and other products. His success has been uninterrupted, and in 1915 he erected a very handsome brick residence on his property. Mr. Nelson has also taken a public-spirited interest in the general life of Ellery township, and is well known socially and fraternally in the region. He is a member of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a Methodist in religious belief, attending the church of that denomination at Ellery.

Albert Nelson was united in marriage, May 21, 1898, at Salamanca, with Mary Olive Carlson, like himself a native of Sweden, where her birth occurred Jan. 27, 1877. She is a daughter of Olaf and Matilda (Magnusson) Carlson, of Sweden, and was but three years of age when she accompanied her parents to America. In 1881, the Carlson family settled at Falconer, N. Y., and there Mr. Carlson continued in the occupation of farming, which he had followed in his native land. Mr. and Mrs. Carlson only lived in Falconer six years after coming to the United States, and at the present time (1920) Mr. Carlson lives in the town of Ellington. Mrs. Carlson died July 30, 1920. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson are the parents of two children, as follows: Clarence A., born in Busti, May 3, 1900, and Olive Marie, born in Jamestown, June 22, 1914.

**ALLEN RATER**—As an all but lifelong resident of Ripley, Mr. Rater is numbered among the representative men of his township. Successful as an agriculturist and active as a citizen, he holds a prominent place in his community and stands high in the esteem of his neighbors of three generations.

Allen Rater was born Jan. 17, 1852, in Mina township, Chautauqua county, N. Y., and is a son of Henry and Henrietta Rater. When the boy was three or four years old his parents moved to Ripley township, and there he received his education at district school No. 10. Having been born and reared on a farm it was natural that, on reaching manhood, Mr. Rater should choose agriculture for his life work. The farm of 106 acres on which he now lives is the Rater homestead, every one of its numerous improvements having been made by Mr. Rater or his father. It is situated at Rater's Corner and there Mr. Rater carries on a fine dairy in conjunction with general farming. Eighty-six acres are under cultivation, and the estate includes the best timber land. The livestock comprises nineteen cows, three horses, four hogs and one hundred chickens. In politics Mr. Rater has always been faithful to the principles of the Republican party, and at various times has served as trustee of school No. 10, his tenure of office comprising in all ten years. He is a member of the Lutheran church.

Mr. Rater married, Jan. 7, 1880, Mary Meader, of Westfield, and they are the parents of three living children: 1. Edward Allen, educated in district school No. 10; married Winnie Russell; they live in Ripley village, and have four children: Howard, Luella, Gladys and Clara Belle. 2. Frederick Herbert, educated in

the same manner as his brother; married Mary Booth; they live on the homestead with Mr. and Mrs. Rater, and have two children: Doris Mildred and Ethel Virginia. 3. Bertha Lillian, educated at the same school as her brothers; married Louis J. Curtis, Nov. 12, 1919; they reside in North East. Two of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Rater are deceased: Louis Murray, who died at five years old, and Maud, who was educated at district school No. 10, married E. W. Watson and became the mother of one child, Harold. Mrs. Watson passed away in June, 1917.

The veteran farmers of an agricultural community are the men who have laid the foundations of its progress and prosperity. Allen Rater, by aggressive, persistent and honorable industry, has helped to make Chautauqua county what it is today.

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**PHILIP B. PICKUP**, prosperous and respected farmer of Conewango Valley, Chautauqua county, N. Y., and a man of admirable characteristics, was born Feb. 29, 1876, at New Albion, Cattaraugus county, N. Y., the son of Chancy W. and Kate Juda (Rich) Pickup, the former a retired farmer, well known in Chautauqua county.

Philip B. Pickup was well educated, passing from the graded to the high school, and successfully graduating therefrom. In due course, he became a farmer, his early years as such being with his father. Eventually, however, he took the responsibility of the farm management, and proved himself to be a capable farmer. He has always been energetic, and he has given modern methods of farming close study and has profited thereby. He is a member of the local Grange, and is active in his co-operation therewith. And in all matters pertaining to farming, he takes marked interest. Also in community affairs he has taken much part. During the World War he was particularly active; he would have liked to have entered the military forces, and when the time came for those over thirty-six years of age to register for such service he did not hesitate to comply, notwithstanding that he was the father of a large family. His greatest value to the country, however, was as a farmer, and he probably would not have been taken for military service. But, as a whole-souled patriot, he had felt keenly upon matters relating to the war since the nation first entered the struggle, and had been one of those zealous ones among American farmers who had applied themselves more closely to the cultivation of their own holdings as soon as it was announced by the Government that the allies of the nation looked to America for food. The supreme effort made by the American farmer is well known, in the aggregate, and the effect it had upon the war is also well known, and is a creditable page of national history of that trying period, but the individual part taken in the national war effort by the individual American farmer could not be noted excepting in local histories such as this. And not only in personal services did Philip B. Pickup help in the national war work; he subscribed to the limit of his means to the several funds raised for the purposes of the war and his home was ever open to welcome returning soldiers. Had he been younger, and less encumbered, he would undoubtedly have joined the military or naval forces, for his heart

was in the cause, from the beginning until the final, victorious end. Mr. Pickup is an earnest churchman, a Methodist, and a member of the local church, to which he contributes, and in the work of which he has taken an active part. Fraternally, Mr. Pickup is an Odd Fellow, member of the local branch of that order.

Mr. Pickup married, Dec. 15, 1895, at Lavant, N. Y., Jessie May Potter, daughter of Allen and Amanda (Hodges) Potter. She was born in Dayton, N. Y., Jan. 5, 1877, and is the mother of six children: Arthur Gerald, born June 29, 1897; Leigh D., born Dec. 13, 1899; Marguerite Mabel, born Nov. 29, 1901; Everitt P., born April 24, 1905; Sidney Paul, born May 13, 1908; Catherine Phyllis, born Feb. 25, 1918.

Mr. Pickup is yet in the prime of manhood, but has prospered well in his farming, and has earned a good reputation, being straightforward in all his dealings, which characteristic has made him a good neighbor and a valuable citizen. As a farmer, he comes well into the responsible class of representative Chautauqua county agriculturists.

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**CHARLES HENRY NUNDY**, esteemed and well-to-do farmer of the Westfield section of Chautauqua county, N. Y., is a native of the county, born in Westfield, March 29, 1871. Although he learned the printing trade, and spent about six years at it, he has lived in the vicinity of Westfield throughout his life, and for more than forty years has lived on a farm. He has been a responsible farmer for almost thirty years, and has always been very keenly interested in all that pertains to farming. He has had prominent connection with the local Grange, is past master of the lodge, was treasurer and also purchasing agent for it, and is one of its best workers. He has held office in the local district administration and his church record is commendable, indicating that he is a man of strong character and conscientious Christian spirit; he is steward, trustee and deacon of the Methodist Episcopal church at Volusia.

Charles Henry Nundy married, Dec. 30, 1903, Bertha M. Fowler, of Owosso, Shiawassee county, Mich. They have two children: 1. Janet, who is now (1920) sixteen years old, and is a student at the Westfield High School. 2. Lloyd, now thirteen years of age, and in the seventh grade of the public school.

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**PETER ALFRED NELSON**—The farming and stockraising interests of Chautauqua county, N. Y., have a worthy representative in Peter Alfred Nelson, who is the owner of a fine farm. It is a well improved place, its neat and thrifty appearance indicating the supervision of a careful and painstaking owner, as well as a man of good business ability, who thoroughly understands the vocation which he follows. A native of Sweden, Mr. Nelson was born March 23, 1862, a son of August and Christine (Safey) Nelson.

Peter A. Nelson received his education in the schools of Sweden. Soon after leaving school, he came to the United States, locating in Chautauqua county, N. Y., and immediately took up the tailoring trade, at which occupation he worked for a number of years. How-



ever, believing that farm life was better and more suited to his tastes, he purchased some land and turned his attention to the development of a good farm. There he carried on agricultural pursuits, and since that time success has attended his efforts, he now owning about 150 acres of the best farm land in the county. Mr. Nelson has lived in Chautauqua county the greater part of his life, and is numbered among its active and influential farmers. Deeply interested in all the affairs of his county, he takes an active part in all measures for the general good. He is regarded throughout his township as an honest man, enterprising, energetic and reliable, who is willing to give a helping hand to all in need.

In politics, Mr. Nelson is a Republican, but in local affairs votes for the men and measures that he thinks are for the best interests of all the people. He is also prominent in social circles, as well as business, being a respected member of the Grange. Mr. Nelson is financially connected with the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank of Jamestown, N. Y. He and his family are prominent members of the Swedish Mission Church of Jamestown, and are interested in all its affairs, whether social or business.

On Feb. 3, 1903, Mr. Nelson was united in marriage with Anna Mary Johnson, who was born in 1874, in Sweden, a daughter of Nels and Ellen Johnson. To this union has been born one child, Elmer.

In conclusion will say that his life has been one of hard, resolute and persevering industry, illustrative of the essentials of true life, and one that will insure him immeasurable success.

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**CHARLES H. TAYLOR**, one of the most enterprising and progressive farmers of Kennedy, Chautauqua county, N. Y., where he has for many years been successfully engaged in general farming, is a native of Essex county, N. Y., where his birth occurred April 14, 1847. He is a son of Eli and Lucinda (Jenks) Taylor, who came West in 1852 from Chester, Essex county, N. Y., where the former followed the occupation of milling.

In 1864 Charles H. Taylor and three brothers purchased the property on which he now lives. This property, which has always possessed natural fertility, but which under his most capable operation has been brought to the very highest state of cultivation possible, is now justly regarded as one of the finest farms hereabouts. Mr. Taylor has always been keenly interested in public issues, both local and national, and throughout his life has been a staunch supporter of the principles and policies of the Republican party. Although he has always discharged his duties as a citizen to the fullest extent, Mr. Taylor has never been a politician in any sense of the word, nor has he sought political preferment or public office of any kind. During the great crisis in the Nation's history, which culminated in the Civil War between the North and South, Mr. Taylor responded readily to the necessities of the Union and enlisted, Aug. 20, 1864, in Company C, 9th Regiment, New York Volunteer Cavalry. He served for nine months and twenty days in the great struggle, and was then honorably discharged, June 1, 1865. Mr. Taylor

has always kept up the associations formed by him at that time, and is now a prominent member of Sturdevant Post, No. 282, Grand Army of the Republic, of Kennedy. He is also a member of the local grange at Kennedy, and has taken an active part in promoting the agricultural interests of the community. He is a Methodist in his religious belief, and is a prominent member of the church of that denomination at Kennedy. He is a liberal supporter of the work of the congregation, especially that connected with the philanthropic and benevolent undertakings of the church.

Charles H. Taylor married, May 17, 1871, Flora V. Jobs, a native of Pennsylvania, where her birth occurred, June 9, 1850, and a daughter of John J. and Mary (Morton) Jobs, old and highly respected residents there. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor are the parents of a son, Lynn H., born Nov. 28, 1873, who married Fanny Wheelock, of Kennedy, where her birth occurred July 24, 1888, and by whom he has had two children: Hubert L., born March 2, 1912, and Frances A., born Oct. 22, 1913.

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**JOHN NEGUS**—The farm in section 58, town of Busti, now owned and managed by Miss Mary E. Negus, was bought from the Holland Land Company, in 1831, by Elijah Bacon Carpenter, the maternal great-grandfather of Miss Negus. Elijah B. Carpenter, born on the Island of Nantucket, Mass., married Catherine Tanner, in Saratoga, N. Y., and later arrived in Chautauqua county, having made the journey with an ox-team. Joshua Negus, grandfather of Miss Mary E. Negus, was a Pennsylvania farmer, residing at Union City.

John Negus was born in Union City, Pa., Aug. 9, 1826, and died at his home in the town of Spartansburg, Pa., Sept. 7, 1890. He was a farmer all his active years, and a man of strong character and upright life. In religious faith he was a member of the Society of Friends, and in political belief a Republican. John Negus married, in Busti, Emmeline C. Smith, born in Busti, May 22, 1837, daughter of William and Emmeline (Carpenter) Smith, her father born in Cattaraugus county, her mother in Saratoga county, N. Y. John and Emmeline C. (Smith) Negus were the parents of eight children: 1. John R., born Nov. 8, 1858, died in infancy. 2. Clayton W., born Aug. 19, 1860; married Mary L. Coleman, of Youngsville, Pa., and their son, Marion, was a soldier of the World War, but was not sent overseas, his service being at Camp Sherman, Ohio. 3. Mary E., born in Union City, Pa., Sept. 24, 1862, now owning and residing on the old Carpenter farm in Busti. 4. Elwood, born May 23, 1865. 5. Nellie M., born April 2, 1870. 6. Mercy A., born Nov. 25, 1872. 7. Ray, born May 29, 1876. 8. Susie, born Feb. 6, 1878, deceased.

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**ARTHUR CLARK MESSINGER**, prosperous and respected farmer of Summerdale, Chautauqua county, N. Y., is the present head of the Chautauqua county family of that name, and for fifty-two years has lived on the farming property of the family at Summerdale. Arthur C. Messinger was born in Sherman, May 16, 1859, the son of Calvin and Emeline (Dorman) Messinger. His father first bought 234 acres of land, and until he was ten years old Arthur C. attended the district

school situated at the town line, but his father having found that so large a farm was more than he could satisfactorily handle, he sold that farm, and bought one of 100 acres which now belongs to the son, and thereafter Arthur C. attended the district school of Summerdale. Since his school days, he has applied himself industriously and successfully to the cultivation of the home farm, which now is a valuable dairy farm. He has been very enterprising in his farming, and has manifested a resolute spirit in adversity. In 1880 a spacious barn belonging to him was burned to the ground, and the one that he built to replace it was eighteen years later also razed by fire, notwithstanding which his farm to-day is equipped with as fine buildings as one would wish for on a property of that size. Included in his equipment is a modern butter making plant, which has been very satisfactory in operation. Politically, Mr. Messinger is a Republican, and being a man well respected in the district, and as capable as he is honorable, he has more than once been approached by the party leaders to stand for office. But he has always refused, preferring to give what service he can to the party without return.

On Nov. 25, 1885, Mr. Messinger married Cordelia Northway, of Summerdale, N. Y. They are the parents of one child, Cora Sophia, born Jan. 23, 1891, and eventually married Elmer Griswold, a substantial farmer of Summerdale, N. Y. They have three children: Mildred, Ralph, and Clark.

As a family, the Messingers were by religious conviction Presbyterians, and although Mr. Messinger has not been a regular attendant at church services, he is an earnest, conscientious Christian, and by the general acts of his life has manifested an adherence to the true principles of Christ's teaching. He has had his due part in community activities, and during the World War gave unstintedly of his means to the several patriotic funds promoted to further the cause of the country and its allies. Especially was his effort appreciable in the national cause by his whole-hearted cooperation with the government to bring about increased yield of foodstuffs from American agricultural lands during the years of struggle and the consequent impoverishment of European lands. The part played by the farmers of America in the sustenance of the world during the World War is now national history, of meritorious record, in the reading of which every loyal and patriotic farmer who did his share must find pleasure.

**IVA FRANK MOORE**, who for years was in possession of a substantial barbering business in Kennedy, N. Y., and now devotes his entire time to farming upon the property he acquired at Conewango Valley, is a broadminded man who is generally esteemed by those who know him; that is to say, by the majority of the people of the neighborhood, for he is known to most of the people who have been accustomed to come to Kennedy. Mr. Moore is very popular, is an engaging conversationalist, and has had an interesting career.

Iva Frank Moore was born May 26, 1861, at Leon, Cattaraugus county, N. Y., the son of James M. and Nancy (Graves) Moore, the former a successful farmer of that place. He attended the elementary school of

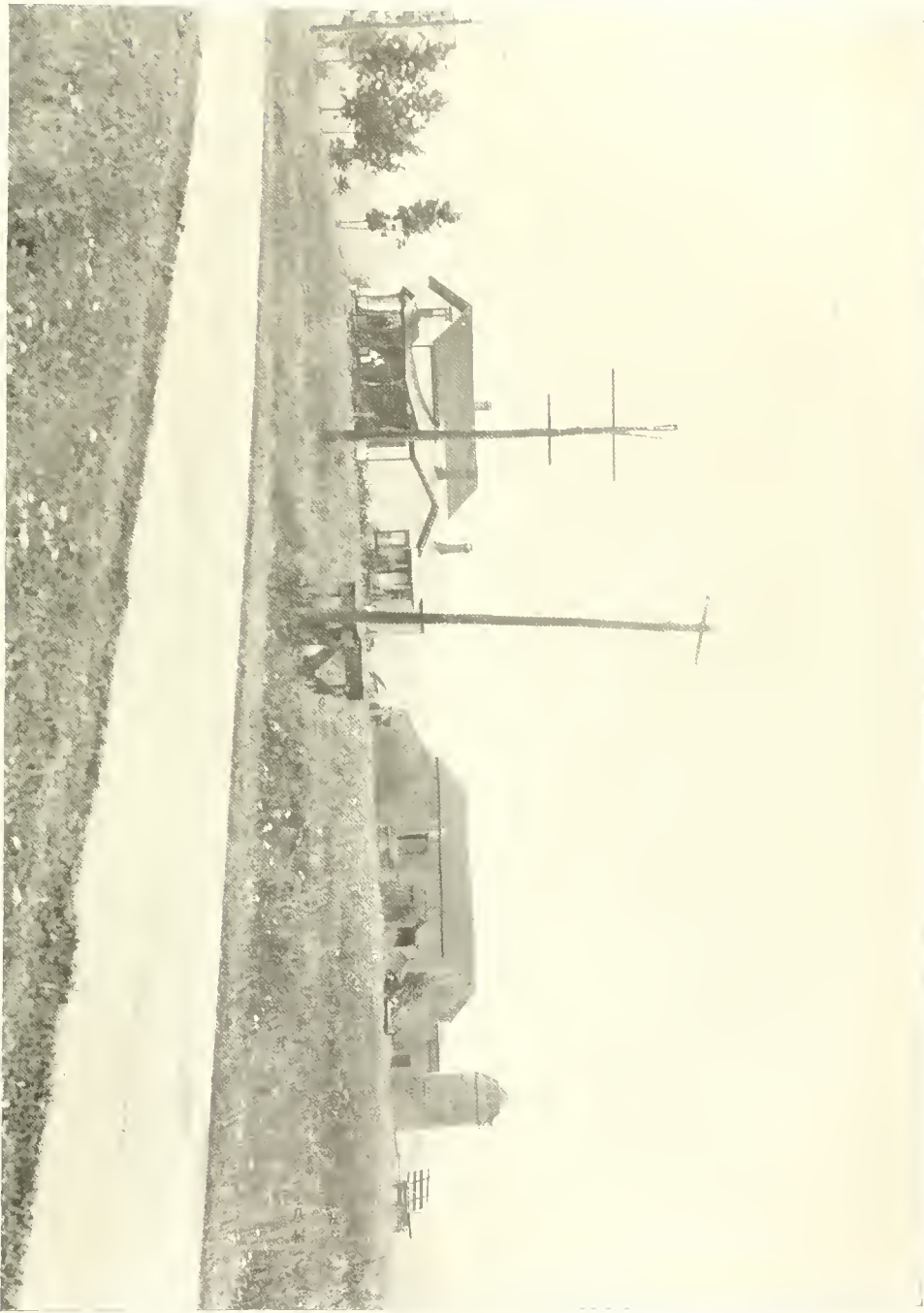
his native place. When he was twenty-six years of age, he enlisted in Company H, 18th Infantry, and served in the regular military forces for three years and three months. Coming into Chautauqua county, N. Y., he became a barber at Kennedy, N. Y., and there for many years had a very lucrative business in that line, so much so that he was eventually able to acquire a farming property of appreciable extent, to which estate he eventually retired from the barbering business altogether. He has been a Republican in politics for very many years, and has followed national politics closely, and has at various periods of high political controversy shown that he is a close student of politics, and also a man of broad mind. He has been of appreciable service to the Republican cause in his locality through many presidential campaigns, but he has never sought nor accepted political office. Of late years, he has taken an increasing interest in the activities of the farmers' organization, the Grange, of which he has been a member for many years. He is a popular member of Kennedy Lodge, No. 522, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His genial disposition and sincere interest in his fellows bring him in return genuine friendship from a very wide circle of representative Chautauqua county people.

On April 17, 1892, at Cassadaga, N. Y., Mr. Moore was married to Myrtle Ray Kapple, who was born in Sheridan, Oct. 6, 1871, daughter of Ray and Emma (Rundell) Kapple. To them have been born five children: 1. Eunice, born March 4, 1894. 2. Florence, born April 15, 1895; married Leo B. McKoon, and now has two children. 3. Charles W., born June 11, 1897; married Mabel Willis. 4. Ruth, born March 27, 1902. 5. Emmett H., born Jan. 30, 1908. His son, Charles W., is a veteran of the late war, having served for fifteen months in the military forces. He entered the army, Oct. 15, 1917, and was sent to Camp Wheeler, Georgia, for training. From that camp he was honorably discharged, Dec. 20, 1918, the signing of the armistice making the holding of the home troops for a further period unnecessary.

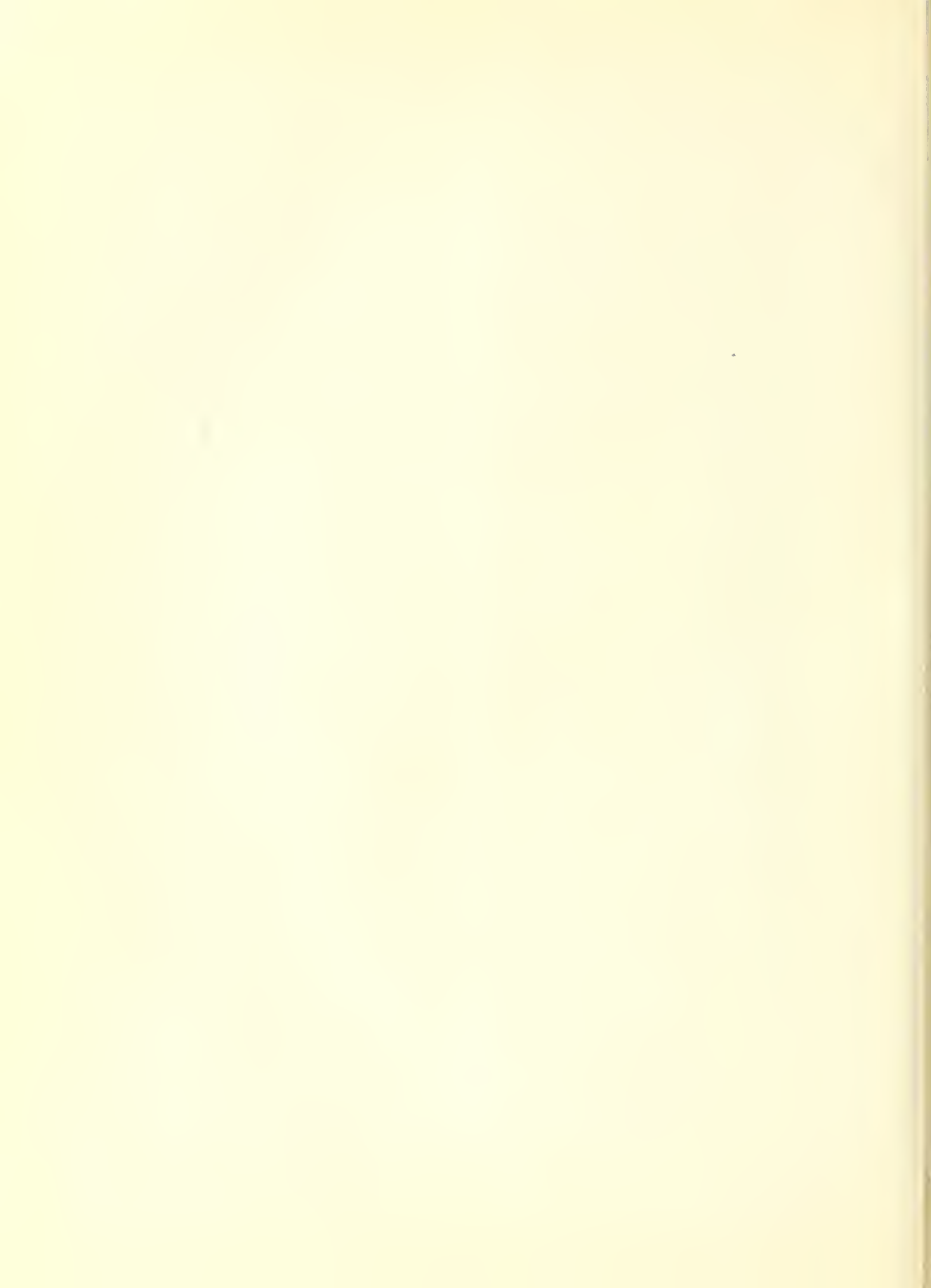
**CLARK HARRISON SHUFELT**, honored and prosperous farmer of Chautauqua township, Chautauqua county, N. Y., a man who has reached substantial success in life entirely by his own efforts, is a native of the county, and was born within half a mile of his present home, in Chautauqua township. For more than fifty years he has farmed in Chautauqua county, and for the last fifteen years or more has owned the rich farm of 175 acres he now cultivates, and each year he pays out in wages to hired help, quite an appreciable sum of money.

He comes of a family long known in the Westfield-Mayville section of Chautauqua county. He was born on Aug. 29, 1852, the son of Jeremiah and Charlotta (Smart) Shufelt, the former a man widely known and much respected in his day. Jeremiah Shufelt was one of the oldest blacksmiths on the main Mayville-Westfield road, and established himself as a blacksmith in that location in 1845.

His son, Clark H. Shufelt, was educated in nearby district schools and later became a student at the May-



THE SHUFELT FARM NEAR WESTFIELD





ville High School. Since leaving school he has farmed, following agricultural pursuits for wages in his early manhood, and later becoming an independent farmer, possessed of a good property and prosperous. He has always been a hard worker, and has always shown himself to be a good farmer, observant and enterprising. He enters extensively into dairy farming, having a fine herd of forty cattle. Including pasturage, about 125 of the 175 acres which constitute his farm are in cultivation, and he has considerably improved the property since he acquired it: the improvements are substantial; he has remodeled the residence, which is a fine example of the earlier country house, and among other improvements executed by him are a capacious silo and a commodious barn. In his farming, Mr. Shufelt has kept himself quite up-to-date in the developments of agriculture, and has adopted many of the modern methods of scientific farming, especially in the dairy. He has been very successful in the raising of cattle for milk production, and has a very comprehensive understanding of food values.

By political allegiance, he is a Republican, and although he has not entered very actively into national political movements, he has for many years taken a whole-hearted interest in local affairs, and to some extent he has identified with the local administration, having been collector of taxes for his district and school trustee. He is a man of good moral standing, and has always endeavored to treat others as he would like to be treated by them. He and his family attend the local Baptist church and he has been always ready to support any worthy local project.

On Jan. 16, 1875, Mr. Shufelt was married, in Chautauqua township, Chautauqua county, N. Y., to Mary Shaw, who was from Canada. They have had nine children, but only three survive. They are: 1. Nellie Maud, who was educated in the district school and at the Mayville High School; she is the wife of Stephen Penny, and they have three children, who in order of birth are: Gerald, Beatrice and Irene. 2. Callie May, who received educational facilities similar to those afforded her elder sister, and is now the wife of Harry Smart. 3. Lee Harrison, educated in the district schools and the husband of Nellie Henry; he is the only one of their nine children to carry forward the family name, and has done so, to the next generation, having two children, Clara and Robert Lee. The six deceased children, who all died in infancy, were: Henry, Clara, Genevieve, Clara, Henry and Walter.

The life of Clark Harrison Shufelt has been one of worthy and manly effort; he has gone forward to substantial affairs unaided, by self-reliant industriousness, and has always held to the honorable code in his dealings. During the years he has found labor at good wages for many other Chautauqua county men less fortunately situated than himself, and has well earned the respect in which he is held in the neighborhood.

**CLARENCE N. TAYLOR**, who has for many years been a prominent citizen of Poland, Chautauqua county, N. Y., where he has followed the occupation of farming with a high degree of success, is a native of this county, and was born in Jamestown, Sept. 9, 1856. Mr. Taylor is a son of Bravity and Alvina D. (Emery) Taylor,

lifelong residents of this region, where the former was engaged in farming during the past generation.

Clarence N. Taylor spent his childhood and early youth on his father's farm, assisting with the work upon the place as soon as he had come of an age to do so, and attending the local public schools. He later entered the Jamestown Institute and established an excellent record for industry and general good character. Upon completing his studies, the young man continued to work as his father's assistant for some time, and in the year 1883 became the owner of his present farm, which is a valuable piece of property of great natural fertility near Kennedy. Here he has engaged in the raising of general farm products, has made a notable success in this line, and markets his produce throughout this district. In politics Mr. Taylor is a staunch Republican, and has taken his part in local public affairs, having served two terms as supervisor of the town of Poland. He is president of the local branch of the Dairymen's League at Frewsburg, and county president of the league. He is a member of the Union Grange, Jamestown, and of the Carroll Farmers' Club. Mr. Taylor attends St. Luke's Episcopal Church at Jamestown.

Clarence N. Taylor was united in marriage, Oct. 6, 1886, near Frewsburg, with A. Coralyn Thayer, a daughter of I. Warren and Lucy A. (Cowan) Thayer, old and highly respected residents of Carroll, where Mrs. Taylor was born, Dec. 10, 1863. To Mr. and Mrs. Taylor one child has been born, Lynn B., Oct. 13, 1893.

**FLOYD F. YOUNG**—Among the most successful and prosperous farmers of Poland township, Chautauqua county, N. Y., where for a number of years he has been prominent in the general life of the community, should be mentioned Floyd F. Young, a member of a well known county family, and a son of Ira and Susan (Belote) Young. The elder Mr. Young was also prominent in this region and was engaged successfully in business as a millwright and sawyer.

Floyd F. Young was born at Newtontown, Pa., April 28, 1873, and as a child resided on his father's farm, where he enjoyed the advantages of the wholesome rural life which has been the early environment of so many of the greatest citizens of the country in times past. His education was obtained at the local public schools, where he showed himself to be an intelligent and industrious pupil and gave early signs of the qualities that have since given him the success he has achieved. Upon completing his studies at these institutions, Mr. Young turned his attention to the serious business of life, and after working for a time for his father became the owner of a farm, which he began to operate on his own account. He has continued to cultivate this place with a high degree of success ever since, and is to-day regarded justly as one of the most capable agriculturists of the district, while his property is shown as one of the model farms hereabouts. In addition to his farming activities, Mr. Young has also extended his interests to other forms of enterprise.

Floyd F. Young was united in marriage, Feb. 22, 1899, at Falconer, N. Y., with Rose M. Helmick, a native of Randolph, N. Y., born March 24, 1873, a daughter of

Owen Jasper and Lucinda (Lane) Helmick, old and highly respected residents of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Young are the parents of one child, as follows, Clarence Helmick, born Feb. 22, 1900.

**WARREN M. MARKHAM**—The Markham homestead in Villenova, Chautauqua county, N. Y., now owned by Warren M. Markham, was first owned in the family by Mark Markham, who came to Chautauqua county from Broome county, N. Y.

Mark Markham was the father of Adelbert Markham, who owned the homestead, and married Nellie Scott, of the town of Arkwright, Chautauqua county. They were the parents of Warren M. Markham, who for a long term of years abandoned farming, but later bought the homestead and settled down to the cultivation of its fertile acres.

Warren M. Markham was born in the town of Villenova, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Jan. 21, 1881. He began his education in the district school, completed his studies in Forestville High School, and for eight years after graduation taught in the public schools. He then successfully passed an examination for admission to the United States railway mail service, secured an appointment as railway postal clerk, and continued in that service for twelve years. He then bought the old homestead, resigned from the service, and has since lived the quiet, contented life of a prosperous land-owning farmer. The homestead is a fine property, well improved, with a modern residence and barns, and a source of pride to its owner. Mr. Markham is a member of the Patrons of Husbandry, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Daughters of Rebekah, and the Methodist Episcopal church. In politics he is a Republican.

He married, July 27, 1904, Grace L. Maxson, born in Villenova, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Jan. 2, 1884, daughter of James and Minetta (Crowell) Maxson, both her parents born in Villenova. Mr. and Mrs. Markham are the parents of a son, Robert, born March 13, 1911.

**JAMES ALEXANDER McDOWELL**, of Sherman, Chautauqua county, N. Y., who was born in the homestead in which he still lives, and whose father was one of the pioneer settlers, purchasing the present well-cultivated estate when it was only forest and wilderness, is one of the representative agriculturists of that section of the State, and has worthily followed in the pioneer efforts of his father, so that to-day he owns an improved valuable agricultural property, 161 acres in extent, 127 acres of which are within the boundaries of Chautauqua township, and the remainder in the township of Westfield. And in local affairs, he has been honored by election to more than one office.

James Alexander McDowell was born Dec. 20, 1858, the son of James and Jane (Galloway) McDowell. His father purchased the present property of the family in 1845, and the boy James A. in his youth had to journey daily to the Summer Dale District School, which was the nearest to their farm, which is pleasantly located, about three-quarters of a mile from the little village of Summer Dale, in a northerly direction. After leaving

school, he resolutely applied himself to the task of aiding his father in the winning of all their land from the forest. He has steadfastly followed agriculture throughout his life, and has farmed well, giving due heed to all that was practicable in the findings of scientific farmers. He is much interested in stock raising, and may be considered an authority upon the subject, for he makes his living mainly by stock raising and dairy farming.

He is a member of the local grange and has been for the last ten years. And he is a Republican who has taken some part in the bearing of national politics upon local conditions. He has held many public offices, has been a member of the Chautauqua township school board, has been collector for same township, and now is Republican committeeman representing his district upon the Chautauqua county committee of the Republican party.

Mr. McDowell married, Sept. 10, 1895, Pearl Greeley, of Summer Dale. They have two children: 1. De Emma, born April 18, 1899, and eventually married Khlar Hildum, of Titusville, Pa.; her husband, who is twenty-four years old, and formerly was a railroad official, saw thirteen months of military service in France with the 312th Regiment, Headquarters Company, of the 78th Division. 2. Amber, daughter, born Aug. 4, 1902. Both children were educated in the Sherman High School. The family attended the Methodist Episcopal church, of which Mr. and Mrs. McDowell are earnest members, as are also their children.

During the World War, Mr. McDowell worthily supported all the projects which had for their object the prosecution of the war; he gave of his substance unstintingly to the various funds, and he gave assiduously, in increased labor, to the national effort to increase the yield from the soil of America, so that the impoverished nations of Europe, or rather those which were our allies, might be sustained and held strong in the fight until the victory came. His effort, and that of every earnest, patriotic farmer, during the years of struggle, is worthy of good place in the national record, as the victory was not accomplished only upon the fields of France.

**CARL O. LUNDGREN**, who resides in Kiantone township, is a progressive, practical and enterprising farmer and stock raiser, owning and operating eleven and three-quarters acres of land near Jamestown. He was born March 27, 1873, in Sweden, and is the son of James and Marie Lundgren, both born in Sweden. James Lundgren, a carpenter by trade, was reared and educated in Sweden, and married there.

Carl O. Lundgren's early life was spent on his father's farm and his early education was received in the public schools of Sweden. In early life he was a carpenter. Upon coming to America he took up farming and continues this occupation at the present time. He is today regarded as one of the successful farmers of his township, having so capably directed his affairs that as the years have passed his labors have been rewarded with a very gratifying degree of prosperity.

Politically, Mr. Lundgren is a staunch Republican and has always kept well-informed on the questions and issues of the day, and gives to his party a stalwart support, but has never sought nor desired public office.



He and his family are members of the United Brethren church, and all are well known and respected. Mr. Lundgren is a public-spirited and progressive citizen and gives his loyal support to all men and measures that have for their object the general good of all the people.

Mr. Lundgren married, in Kiantone, N. Y., June 30, 1897, Bertha Crick, born in 1874, a daughter of Adelbert and Margaret (Seekings) Crick, well known residents of that place. To this union have been born six children, as follows: Mildred G., born March 25, 1900; Beulah M., born Oct. 31, 1903; Clifford O., born March 22, 1906; Doris E., born Jan. 31, 1908; Helen M., born March 19, 1910; and Vera G., born Jan. 9, 1912. All the above mentioned are attending school.

**ALBRO LAWRENCE**, who for many years has been prominent in the life of the community where he resides, Ellington, N. Y., is a native of Ellington, born May 28, 1856, son of Simon and Mary (Potwin) Lawrence, old and highly respected residents of Ellington, the former named having been the first white child born in the town of Ellington, and there was engaged in farming for many years. Simon Lawrence was a son of Simon and Hannah (Wilcox) Lawrence, who came to this region of New York State from Mt. Holly, Vt., in the year 1816, making the trip through what was then well nigh a wilderness, in an ox cart.

Albro Lawrence attended as a lad the common schools of his native town of Ellington, and proved himself an industrious and painstaking student. He assisted his father in the management of the farm, becoming familiar with the agricultural methods of that day, mowing out the corners of rail fences and swampy places with a scythe, following after the load of hay with a hand rake, and thrashing out grain with a flail, this being the way work was done prior to the introduction of machines. Mr. Lawrence is a stockholder in the Farmers' & Mechanics' Bank of Jamestown, has always maintained a keen and active interest in public affairs and is well known and influential in the local councils of the Prohibition party, with which he has been affiliated since 1884. In religious belief, Mr. Lawrence is a Free Methodist and attends the church of that denomination in Ellington.

Mr. Lawrence married, July 4, 1880, in Sugargrove, Pa., Alida Phelps, who was born in West Turin, Lewis county, N. Y., May 19, 1857, came to Ellington when a child with her parents, William and Catherine (Jacobie) Phelps, old and highly respected residents of Ellington.

**MELVIN FRANKLIN JOHNSON**, who has lived in Chautauqua county, N. Y., for forty-two years, and for thirty-seven years has lived on the good farm he owns on Lake Road, in the township of Westfield, is an enterprising, progressive farmer, and has good place among the leading residents of that section of the county, being generally respected for his industry, his high moral character and public interest. He has reached a satisfactory competence in material wealth entirely by his own efforts, and has gained a wealth of respect by his upright, honorable standard of life and business dealings.

Melvin F. Johnson was born in Union City, Erie county, Pa., Aug. 10, 1859, the son of Titus and Mary (White) Johnson. His great-grandfather, Obadiah Johnson, fought in the Revolutionary War and attained the rank of colonel. His father was a prosperous farmer of that section of Pennsylvania, and as a boy Melvin F. attended the district school nearest to his home, later attending the village schools of Union City. He was reared in the wholesome environment of farm life and a good Christian home, and long before he had closed his schooling and taken to the serious affairs of life, he had become familiar with most of the operations of farming, so that it was natural that he should take to farming pursuits eventually and seek to emulate his father. He has farmed steadily throughout his life since leaving school and for almost the whole of the time in Chautauqua county, N. Y. He left his native State when he was eighteen years old, and settled on a farm in Clymer, Chautauqua county, N. Y. He now lives on his own farm in Westfield. Some years ago he purchased additional acreage, adjoining his own. In the two farms, which Lake Road divides, he has more than one hundred acres, all well improved and productive land. The improvements consist of two complete sets of buildings, and he has an extensive vineyard of thirty-seven acres, which yields him a considerable quantity of grapes yearly. Both farms are managed by Mr. Johnson, and in addition to dairy farming, he keeps a large number of chickens. Altogether Mr. Johnson has prospered well since he came to Chautauqua county and may be considered to be representative of the substantial agriculturists of the county.

Mr. Johnson has not taken a very active interest in national politics, but has closely followed local affairs, and during his life has taken a share in the administration of the public affairs of his township; by political allegiance he is a Republican, and has been a school trustee of No. 10 school for several terms, and at present is collector for that school. Religiously he is a Methodist, a member of the local Methodist Episcopal church, and a steady supporter of same. Mr. Johnson is a member of the local Grange, and throughout his life has shown keen interest in agricultural matters, and his methods of farming indicate that he has given close study to modern ideas of scientific farming. He has always been most progressive, and ready to adopt any method that would be likely to bring greater productiveness from his farms. The home life of the Johnsons has been estimable, they have many friends, are very hospitable, and well liked.

The marriage of Melvin F. Johnson to Addie Bourne, of Westfield, was solemnized on Feb. 20, 1885. Mrs. Johnson's parents were among the early settlers of Westfield. To Mr. and Mrs. Johnson three children have been born, one, a daughter, Mary Anna, who died in infancy. The surviving children are: Hattie May, who was educated in the district school of Westfield township, and eventually attended the Westfield High School; she is the wife of Earl Saigeon, and they have three children: Earl Webster, Melvin Franklin Johnson, and Lovina Ann; and Frances, who also was educated in the district and high schools of Westfield, and has taught in Westfield public school.

**TOWNSEND JACKSON**—On Section 2, of the town of Ellicott, stood a building erected for a tavern and used as such for one year. In 1855 Townsend Jackson bought the farm and tavern, and there resided until his death, when it became the property of his surviving children, Edward M. Jackson, of Youngsville, Pa., Louise A. (Jackson) Garfield, and Olive B. Jackson. The farm has been shorn of many of its acres, as the demand for lots and small tracts became insistent, until now the homestead is surrounded by but twenty of its original acres.

Townsend Jackson, son of Obadiah Jackson, of English descent, and his wife, Sarah (Boreman) Jackson, of Holland descent, was born in the village of Roslyn, Long Island, N. Y., Aug. 16, 1824, died at his home in the town of Ellicott, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Nov. 24, 1901. He spent his early life in his native section of the State, then came to Chautauqua county, locating in the town of Ellicott, where he bought the farm previously referred to and now the present home of his daughters, Louise A. (Jackson) Garfield, and Olive B. Jackson. In addition to his farming operations, he dealt in fine horses, not more for a desire for profit than for a genuine love for a good horse. He owned several during his lifetime, to which he became greatly attached, and the sale of them was often postponed. He was a man of strong and upright character, devoted to his family, and universally liked. He was successful in his undertakings, and an excellent business man. In politics he was a Republican; in religion a Quaker or Friend.

Townsend Jackson married, in Greenvail, Long Island, March 14, 1843, Margaret A. Nostrand, born Nov. 2, 1825, in Jericho, L. I., died March 25, 1903, at the farm in Ellicott, Chautauqua county, daughter of Epenetus and Eliza (Burt) Nostrand, of Holland descent. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson were the parents of six children, as follows: Sanford, deceased; Jones, deceased; Louise A., married Albert P. Garfield, of Busti; Epenetus N., deceased; Edward M., of Youngsville, Pa., and Olive B.

**EMMIT DAVID HOUSE**, a successful farmer of Westfield, N. Y., descends from an English family who came from England prior to the Revolution and settled in Chautauqua county, N. Y.

David House, father of Emmit D. House, of this review, was born June 27, 1832, and was reared on the farm in Chautauqua county which his Grandfather House, who served in the Revolutionary War, purchased, improved and cultivated until his death in 1838. The boy David early commenced work on the farm, and spent his entire life sowing and reaping the harvest of his fields, together with the conducting of a fine grape vineyard, which he had cultivated. He was a Republican in politics, but being of a modest and retiring nature, he cared not for political honors, although he was ever willing to advance the interests of his party by honest and legitimate means. He married, in 1860, Mary Anne Cadwell, daughter of Samuel Cadwell, of Portland, and they became the parents of five children: Edwin M., James S., Nabby S., Nancy, Emmit

D., of further mention; Almedia A., Clara, Arthur J., Lydia A.

Emmit David House was born in Westfield, N. Y., Nov. 24, 1868, the son of David and Mary Anne (Cadwell) House. After receiving his education in the local schools, he became a farmer. In politics he is a Republican, and as a true citizen he gives his influence and support to the furtherance of all good measures that conserve the interest of good government.

Emmit David House was united in marriage with Lizzie A. Noxon, who was born Dec. 21, 1868, the daughter of Matthew S. and Ermina (Weaver) Noxon. Matthew S. Noxon was born in Delaware county, N. Y., the son of Claudius and Loduma (Farrington) Noxon, and when the boy Matthew S. was nine years of age he was sent to live with his uncle, Daniel M. Farrington, in Westfield. It was here that he was educated and later learned farming. He was a Republican in politics, and was noted for his honesty and fair dealings. Mr. and Mrs. House have no children.

**FRANK WILLIAM GIESLER**, a family name known in Chautauqua county agricultural records since 1863, when his father purchased the farm he now occupies, has shown himself to be a man of commendable characteristics and likeable nature. He has consequently many friends among his neighbors, and has had good success in his farming enterprises.

He was born in Brant township, Erie county, village of Farnham, N. Y., Oct. 14, 1856, the son of Adolph and Frederica (Hindenburg) Giesler. His father, Adolph Giesler, was a man of strong character and democratic tendencies; in fact, because of his democratic leaning he thought it advisable to leave Germany soon after the unsuccessful revolution in Germany, in 1848. He brought his wife to the United States, and in 1852 rented the farm in Farnham, Brant township, Erie county, N. Y., upon which their son, Frank W., was born. In 1863 Adolph Giesler acquired the first forty-five acres of the farm in Chautauqua county, now owned and occupied by his son, Frank W., the family home in Erie county being retained, while he gradually cleared his Chautauqua county tract and brought it into satisfactory cultivation. Eventually, the family moved into Chautauqua county, and in course of time Adolph Giesler added another fifteen acres to his holding.

Frank William Giesler received a district school education, and since has given his time mainly to agricultural occupations. At the outset he assisted his father in the operation of the home farm, and did some carpentering. During the years 1873-74, he worked as such in Sheridan, returning to the farm in 1875, and remaining with his father until he married in 1881, soon after which he went to work in the shops at Dunkirk, Chautauqua county. However, in 1888, he returned to the farm, and since that time has steadily worked it, a period of thirty-two years of productive, profitable labor. After the death of his father, he purchased an additional fifteen acres, so that his holding is now seventy-five acres in extent, a well-improved property, embracing vineyard, stock, and chicken farm. Mr. Gies-



ler maintains sixty acres in cultivation, and the remainder is in pasture, with some timber. He has erected some modern conveniences, including a thirty-ton silo, and has some fine cattle and horses. His grape cultivation is also quite extensive.

In political allegiance he is a Republican, but has not followed actively national politics, but in local affairs he has always taken much interest, especially in educational matters. He is at present clerk of school district No. 11. He and his wife have taken good part in community life, and they have many friends. Mr. Giesler has also taken active interest in the local Grange, of which he has for very many years been a member. Religiously, he is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran church, and attends St. Peter's Church, at Westfield, contributing loyally to its support.

On Feb. 24, 1881, Mr. Giesler married Frederica Nieman, of Ripley, N. Y., and to them have been born three children: 1. Emma, who was educated at the district school, and at Westfield High School; later married William Keopka, of Summer Dale, Chautauqua county, and they are the parents of four children: Fredia, Frances, Herman, and Edna. 2. Rosa, who was educated in the district and Westfield high schools, and has since lived at home. 3. John, who received educational advantages similar to those afforded his sisters; eventually married Hattie Neill; they both live with his parents, and he ably assists his father in the operation of the family agricultural estate.

Altogether, Frank William Giesler has had a satisfactory and successful career, made so mainly by his own energy and steadfastness of purpose. He has always worked hard, but it has been intelligent, well-directed labor, and he has consequently had good return materially for the labor expended. And he has had a certain and gratifying return in the respect in which he is held by his neighbors and many friends throughout the county.

**GEORGE W. FULLER**, esteemed and prosperous farmer, with a good agricultural property in Kiantone township of Chautauqua county, N. Y., had the honor of seeing two sons leave home for national service in the military forces during the recent war, and had the supreme gratification of welcoming them both home again, after the termination of the war.

George W. Fuller was born in Ellery, Chautauqua county, N. Y., May 7, 1851, the son of John W. and Sarah M. (Buell) Fuller. His father was a farmer, and as a boy George W. attended the graded school of his native place. Thereafter he spent his years of industrial effort mostly in farming operations, for a while assisting his father in the management and operation of the family property, but eventually branching out for himself and taking upon his own shoulders the responsibility of a farm, and also a family. He gave indication of the possession of commendable, reliable traits, and was business-like as well as energetic in his farming, and so he gradually prospered. He has for very many years been a staunch Democrat in national politics, although he did not enter actively into national political work; in local affairs he was not necessarily a Democrat; he followed the dictates of common sense and voted for the man whom he thought was best fitted

for the responsibilities of the office. He sought no office for himself, although had he done so he would in all probability have secured one or more, for he has always been well respected and popular in his own community. And he was ever ready to aid in any way he thought possible any local project which he considered might prove advantageous for the community. For very many years he has been a member of the local grange. He is a conscientious Christian, and has given matters of religion and theology deep study.

Mr. Fuller was married, Dec. 22, 1881, in Kiantone, to Mary L. Perry, daughter of Clinton and Satira (Sherman) Perry, also of Kiantone. She was born in Kiantone township, Nov. 20, 1858. Her father was a whole-souled patriot, for when she was only three years old he left home to join the Union forces and did not return home again until the Civil War had been won, passing through three years and nine months of severe campaigning. To George W. and Mary L. (Perry) Fuller have been born six children: 1. Perry, born June 16, 1884; married Grace Grou, and they have one child, Louise. 2. Carl J., born June 27, 1886. He married Ethel Hale, and they have one daughter, Elmira A. 3. Phoebe A., born Dec. 5, 1888; she married Frank Thayer, and became the mother of his three children: Margaret, Kenneth, and Priscilla. 4. Ezra, born May 18, 1890; saw nine months' of military service in American stations during the European War. 5. John W., born Feb. 10, 1896; a veteran of the Great War; he entered the United States army, Nov. 21, 1917, and was assigned to the battery of Heavy Artillery, which eventually became part of the First Division; with that unit he served in France and Germany, and returned home safely in August, 1919, being honorably discharged on the 22nd of that month from an American demobilization center. 6. Henry B., born Sept. 13, 1901.

Mr. Fuller naturally was very closely interested in the progress of the war; he would have been so whether his sons were with the military forces or not, for he is essentially a patriot. And while his sons were with the forces, he did his best to cooperate in the national effort to the limit of his means by subscribing to the various funds raised for the purposes of the government in its comprehensive prosecution of the war, and in many other ways Mr. Fuller managed to do what he considered to be his part in the struggle. He has lived an estimable life, has proved himself upon more than one occasion to be a man of high, moral character, and a citizen of worthy type, and he has the sincere friendship of all of his neighbors.

**WILLIAM P. FRISSELL**—One of the most prosperous and successful farmers of Chautauqua county is the gentleman whose name heads this sketch. He owns and operates a fine farm and is engaged in general farming. He is a man of good business and executive ability, as well as a practical and progressive agriculturist. He has met with gratifying success and today ranks among the substantial men of his community. Mr. Frissell was born in Cleveland, Ohio, July 10, 1861, a son of George C. and Marie (Perry) Frissell.

William P. Frissell received his early education in the public schools of Jamestown, N. Y., and after graduating from the high school accepted a position as a

school teacher and taught in the country schools for nearly seven years. Some time later he bought a strip of land and began the occupation of general farming, in which he continues at the present time.

Since casting his first presidential vote, Mr. Frissell has never wavered in his allegiance to the Republican party. Though he has never sought public office, when it was offered him he accepted and gave to his county, State and nation, long and faithful service. He was elected justice of the peace and was also trustee for a number of years. Fraternally, Mr. Frissell is a member of the Grange, and he is one of the most prominent and respected members. He and his family are also members of the Congregational church, and contribute liberally to its support.

Mr. Frissell married, Aug. 28, 1889, at Kiantone, Jennie W. Creal, who was born in Kiantone, N. Y., Sept. 23, 1869, a daughter of John and Adelaide (Cowan) Creal, natives of that town. To this union have been born the following children: Kathleen, born Aug. 18, 1890, the wife of Ralph Robeson, of Jamestown, N. Y.; and Helen A., born Sept. 1, 1899, the wife of Rudolph Nordland, of Jamestown, N. Y.

Mr. Frissell is well known throughout the township where he has made his home, and by the possession of those qualities which in every land and clime command respect he has won many friends. His career has been one of unflinching industry, and through strong purpose and diligence he has worked his way upward to a plane of affluence.

**ALVAH I. DRAYTON**—It has been recorded by the pioneers of Chautauqua county that when that section of Western New York State was first explored and settled, there were found covering it one of the most magnificent forests that the New World had to offer, providing in those days splendid hunting grounds for the aboriginal Indians and since then unsurpassed opportunities for the lumberman. Its fertile soil and favorable climate seemed especially fitted for this luxuriant growth and produced groves of pine equal in quality and quantity to anything to be found. Although today large portions of the magnificent primeval forest have been cleared away to make room for the broad cultivated acres that are now one of the chief glories of the region, and the cultivation of which have made the county one of the most agriculturally flourishing in the country, there still remain great tracts of fine timber which are a vast source of wealth and provide occupation for the hardy lumbermen there and enormous supplies of lumber for the world markets. Among those who have been engaged in the lumber business should be mentioned Alvah I. Drayton, a prosperous and respected citizen of Bemus Point. Mr. Drayton is a son of Evert E. and Elizabeth (Smiley) Drayton, and on the maternal side is descended from an old Bemus Point family, his mother having been born at that place. His maternal great-grandfather, Israel Rush, settled at Bemus Point in 1819. The elder Mr. Drayton is a native of Randolph, N. Y., and for twenty-seven years conducted a successful livery business at Jamestown, although he also resided for a time at Bemus Point. He added farming to his other business.

Alvah I. Drayton was born Sept. 22, 1885, at Bemus

Point, Chautauqua county, N. Y., but most of his childhood was passed at Jamestown, where he attended the local public schools. During his youth he gained a considerable knowledge of agriculture on his father's farm, but early in life his attention was called to great opportunities in the lumber trade, and upon reaching manhood he became actively interested therein, working for twelve years for two firms in Jamestown. He has never, however, given up agriculture entirely. He owns a portion of the farm which has been in the possession of his family for four generations, and for several years has devoted his attention to farming and gardening. Mr. Drayton has always been interested in local affairs and is a strong supporter of the same, although up to the present he has never taken an active part in politics nor sought public office for himself. In his religious belief he is a Universalist and attends the church of that denomination at Bemus Point, making his home also in this charming town.

Mr. Drayton was united in marriage, April 10, 1913, at Jamestown, with Martenette P. Dunham, a native of Corry, Pa., born March 12, 1890, a daughter of Laverne and S. Pauline (Phillips) Dunham.

**ERNEST R. DIBBLE**, progressive and enterprising farm owner of Westfield, and prominently identified with important agricultural organizations of the county, is a representative Chautauqua county farmer of the younger generation. He has been active in the work of the Chautauqua County Farm Bureau since its establishment, and is one of the county's representatives upon the directorate of the Dairymen's League. He is still in the early prime of manhood, but he has lived a very active and useful life, and has come into prominence among agriculturists.

He was born in Portland, Chautauqua county, N. Y., March 22, 1878, the son of George E. and Miriam (Quilliam) Dibble. His father, who is still living, has lived his entire life in the county, and is a successful farmer. Ernest R. Dibble is one of nine children born to George E. and Miriam (Quilliam) Dibble, his brothers and sisters, in order of birth being: 1. Oliver H., who owned and edited a newspaper at Sinclairville, N. Y., for several years, later moving to St. Elmo, Ill., where he purchased the St. Elmo "Banner," which he edited until his death, which occurred at the age of thirty-three. 2. Lena, who eventually became Mrs. Scriven. 3. Newton, who is now a well known farmer at Chautauqua. 4. Clarence, who entered the United Brethren ministry, and has charge of a Pennsylvania church. 5. Mabel, who died at the age of seven years. 6. Alton, also a farmer in Chautauqua county. 7. Raymond, who graduated from Westfield High School and the Jamestown Business College, and held a responsible position in Buffalo when taken with sickness which caused his death at the age of twenty-six. 8. Roy F., who took to academic life, and is now a member of the teaching staff at Columbia University, New York City.

Ernest R. Dibble, as a boy attended the district school of his native place, Portland, and after passing through that school attended the high school at Westfield. He then went westward, for one year working at the printing trade in Illinois. Returning to Chautauqua county, N. Y., he bought a farm of forty-seven



acres, which property he later sold to advantage. Later, for two years, he rented a property at Portland, giving up that place when he acquired an extensive farm of Jason Bigelow, a place of more than 120 acres, included in which was a five-acre grape vineyard. Ultimately, Mr. Dibble purchased the Weaver estate at Westfield, thereby acquiring a very good dairy and fruit farm, eighty-three acres in extent. He has proved himself to be an energetic, skillful farmer, and one who is ever alert to adopt into his farming modern methods that have been proved successful in practice as well as in theory. And he has given much of his time to organization work among the agriculturists of the county. He is a man of intellectual mind, and has the confidence of his fellow agriculturists; he is a director of the Dairymen's League, and has been an active Granger for many years. In the work of the Farm Bureau he has taken close interest, especially during the time of the war, and has done much to make its sphere of work effective in his district. He is on the committee of that organization and during the war, when it endeavored to further the object of the Department of Agriculture and the Federal Government by encouraging the farmers of the county to look closely into matters of production, so as to bring every possible acre into cultivation, Mr. Dibble was very active. Chautauqua county farmers as a whole did well in the matter of prevention of waste and in increased production during the years of national stress, and by such efforts had due part in the national result which enabled the government to send abnormal supplies of foodstuffs overseas to help nations allied to our own through the trying time of famine and devastating war. And such results are due in great measure to such public-spirited and patriotic men as Mr. Dibble, who unselfishly gave of their own time to effect an improvement in the well being of their fellows. Mr. Dibble is a good organizer; that may be inferred by his election by his fellow agriculturists to a seat on the board of directors of the Dairymen's League, which has effected great improvement in the condition of Chautauqua county dairy farmers.

Fraternally, Mr. Dibble is an Odd Fellow. By religious conviction, the Dibble family belong to the United Brethren denomination, and a brother of Mr. Ernest R. Dibble is in the ministry.

During the great World War, Mr. Dibble keenly followed its progress, and more than once keenly felt the desire to set aside his useful but somewhat prosaic home work and take up arms for the great cause. That, however, was not possible because of the selective draft, which could not consider for military service men of his age; however, in the dark days of 1918, when the administration decided to extend the scope of the selective draft, Mr. Dibble readily registered with the authorities of the federal body. He also registered for war service in 1917, under the laws of the State of New York. However, there was fortunately no need of calling into military service men of his age, but in many other ways he showed whole-hearted patriotism, and loyally subscribed to the various funds raised by the government and other organizations for the purposes of the war. It is of interest to note, in connection with national service, that James Quilliam, an

uncle of Ernest R. Dibble, was one of the patriots of the Civil War, and met his death on the field of battle.

On March 8, 1905, Mr. Dibble married Stella, daughter of Charles J. and Jennie (Smith) Merriam, of Portland, Chautauqua county, N. Y. To them have been born two children: E. Carlton, a high school student; Edith N., who also attends the Westfield school.

Ernest R. Dibble has, during the last two decades, lived a useful, public-spirited and productive life within the county, and has made very many friends throughout the county, and especially in his home district.

**ELLIS STEWART BUTTON**—This branch of the Button family in Chautauqua county came from Gasport, Niagara county, N. Y., but since 1912 Ellis S. Button has resided on his farm on Shady Side road, and at his cottage and summer store at the lake side at Beechwood. He has been successful both as a farmer and as a merchant, his standing in his community being of the highest. Ellis S. Button is a son of Arnold Button, born in Clinton county, N. Y., and his wife, Sabra (Root) Button, born in Utica, N. Y.

Ellis S. Button was born in Gasport, Niagara county, N. Y., Sept. 25, 1874, and there attended public school. After coming to Chautauqua county he engaged in farming, and in November, 1911, bought a farm of 113 acres on Shady Side road in the town of Busti from Daniel Sherman. On March 1, 1912, he moved to his purchase, but through the sale of building lots the acreage of his farm has been reduced. He also has a home on the lake at Beechwood, keeping a store open there during the summer months. He is a Republican in politics, a member of the Patrons of Husbandry, and of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Button married, April 14, 1898, in Gasport, N. Y., Mary Ida Silsby, born May 16, 1869, daughter of John D. and Alice (Kelton) Silsby, her father a minister of the Orangeport Christian Church. John D. Silsby was a veteran of the Civil War, enlisting at the age of sixteen. He was shot through the left lung in battle and left for dead. The Confederates carried him off the field and left him in a barn, and there he laid for a week with little food and no medical attention. His father, who had been notified that his son had been killed, came in search of the body, and when about to give up in despair entered the barn and there found the boy nearly ready to succumb. He was taken home and nursed back to a life of usefulness and health, becoming a farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Button are the parents of three children: Frances, born Feb. 24, 1899; Melicent Alice, born June 9, 1904; and John Arnold, born May 24, 1909.

**ALBERT M. BURNETT**, one of the leading farmers of Chautauqua township, and one of the most respected, comes of an old Vermont family which, through his father, has had connection with Chautauqua county, N. Y., for almost three-quarters of a century, and his own personal record, in industry and public-spiritedness, has been commendable. For more than thirty years he has been one of the school trustees of his township; and he has farmed extensive acreages of Chautauqua county land for a longer period.

He was born in the Burnett homestead, which is within easy distance of his present home, in Chautauqua township, Chautauqua county, N. Y., March 20, 1851, the son of Martin D. Burnett, who had come into Chautauqua county six years previously, and who was destined to remain in the county for sixty-two of his ninety years of life. Martin D. Burnett was born in Vermont, in 1819, and died in Chautauqua township, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Nov. 22, 1907. He established the Burnett homestead farm in Chautauqua county, in 1845, when he came with his wife and four children and settled in Chautauqua township. Altogether there were eight children of the generation of the Burnett family to which Albert M. belongs, six of whom still survive. The children of Martin D. Burnett were: 1. Lucy Maria, born in Shaftsbury, Vt., April 10, 1840. 2. Helen Sophia, born in Shaftsbury, Vt., Feb. 8, 1841. 3. Andrew, born in Shaftsbury, Vt., Dec. 8, 1842, died March 18, 1843, aged three months. 4. Catherine, born in Shaftsbury, Vt., Aug. 27, 1844. 5. Edward, born in Chautauqua township, N. Y., June 5, 1849, died Jan. 1, 1870. 6. Albert M., regarding whose career more will be written later. 7. Rosamer, born in Chautauqua township, N. Y., April 25, 1856. 8. John, born in Chautauqua township, N. Y., May 21, 1864. The Burnett homestead farm, which is a well-improved farm of 183 acres, has not yet been divided among the heirs of Martin D. Burnett, but that fact does not very materially affect Albert M. Burnett who, early in manhood, became an independent farmer, and now owns an agricultural property much larger than that owned by his father.

Albert M. Burnett was educated in the district school of Chautauqua township, later proceeding to Mayville, and taking the high school course in that place. After leaving school he assisted his father in the cultivation of the home farm until he was thirty years old, by which time he had married, and desired to establish himself independently. He therefore, in 1881, purchased a farm of seventy-five acres near that of his father, and that farm has been the nucleus of his present large holding, for as he has prospered, and as opportunity came, during the succeeding years, Albert M. has added to his farming possessions until he now has 275 acres, mostly rich land, in splendid condition. Every improvement upon the farm has been erected by or under the direction of Mr. Burnett, and as his property now is, it is adequately supplied with outbuildings and conveniences.

Albert M. Burnett has demonstrated definite capability as a farmer and in his general life has shown commendably strong characteristics. He has succeeded in life by his own praiseworthy industry, steadiness and well-directed enterprise. He is interested in all things relating to farming, and has adopted upon his farm many of the modern methods. He is an active member of the local Grange, and politically is a Republican. He has not, however, felt able to give much of his time to political matters, of national scope, though he has always been interested in matters pertaining to his county and community. In educational matters, he has long been active, and has held the position of school trustee in his district for more than thirty years.

On Feb. 8, 1878, Mr. Burnett married, in Chautau-

qua township, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Sarah Slayton, of Ashville, N. Y. They have three children: 1. Edward Clyde, born May 7, 1883, was educated in the district and Mayville High School, and has since taken manfully to tasks upon his father's farm. 2. Leonard Bird, born Nov. 30, 1885, educated in district and high schools, as was his elder brother, and eventually the husband of Mary Van Cise; they have two children, Albert Perry and Alice. 3. Albert Sprague, born April 8, 1889, received a high school education, and eventually married Daisy Quilliam; they have two children, Arlene and Marion.

Albert M. Burnett has had a good career of usefulness, and is well representative of the best standards of Chautauqua county agriculturists. And his long residence in Chautauqua township has brought him many friends, who have admired his stable qualities. He has been a man of responsibility and worthy life since his early manhood.

**JOHN ALFORD LARSON**—Later than the year 1900, John A. Larson, now a prosperous farmer of the town of Busti, Chautauqua county, N. Y., came to the United States with his wife Margaret and four children, the eldest, Oscar Adolph, then about eleven years of age. That son, twelve years later, enlisted in the United States navy during the war with Germany, and for more than two years served under the flag of his adopted country. The second son, Henry John, enlisted and saw a year's service in the marines, he too contributing "his bit" to his adopted country's defense.

John A. Larson was born in Sweden, June 1, 1866, was educated in good schools, and there spent nearly forty years of his life engaged in farming. Upon arriving at the proper age he was called to the colors and passed four years in the Swedish army. After coming to the United States, he became a land owner of the town of Busti, Chautauqua county, N. Y., and there now resides. He is a member of the Swedish Lutheran Church, and in politics a Republican.

Mr. Larson married, in Sweden, Dec. 30, 1891, Margaret Wesslen, born Oct. 26, 1871, daughter of Carl A. and Catherine Helen (Olson) Wesslen. Mr. and Mrs. Larson are the parents of eight children, the first four born in Sweden, the last four in Chautauqua county, N. Y.: 1. Oscar Adolph, born Oct. 26, 1894, enlisted in the United States navy, June 2, 1917, was in the service at the United States Naval Station at Key West, Fla., and elsewhere, until honorably discharged and mustered out at Norfolk, Va., Sept. 2, 1919. 2. Eva Dorothy, born Sept. 16, 1896. 3. Henry John, born April 30, 1898, entered the United States service, June 13, 1918, was sent to Camp Custer for training, served with the marines and was honorably discharged in Boston, April, 1919. 4. Karin Charlotte, born May 9, 1900. 5. Alford Roland, born Jan. 14, 1904. 6. Lillian Alvira, born July 1, 1906. 7. Ella Violet, born Aug. 18, 1908. 8. Margaret Jane, born June 22, 1911.

**JOHN WILLIAM GREENWOOD**—Among those who devote their time and energies to agricultural pursuits and are meeting with success in their chosen occupation is numbered John William Greenwood, who



owns a large farm in Kiantone township, Chautauqua county, N. Y. He was born in Great Horton, England, Nov. 8, 1865, a son of T. Holder and Sarah (Stanistorp) Greenwood, both natives of England.

John William Greenwood came to this country, July 10, 1886, and settled in Jamestown, N. Y. His education was received in England, and after laying aside his text books he accepted a position in a worsted mill. Later he purchased land and engaged in farming, in which occupation he still continues. Mr. Greenwood affiliates with the Republican party, having been a staunch supporter of its principles since he cast his first presidential vote. He is also popular in social circles, being a prominent and representative citizen as well as a genial, pleasant companion.

On Dec. 24, 1888, in Jamestown, N. Y., Mr. Greenwood was united in marriage with Annie Withers, born Oct. 27, 1867, a daughter of James and Sarah (Watson) Withers. Mrs. Greenwood's father and mother were both natives of England, her father having been born Feb. 19, 1842, and her mother, Jan. 3, 1844. Mr. and Mrs. Greenwood have four children, as follows: Henry P., born May 1, 1890; Fred, July 10, 1891; William, Aug. 1, 1894; Margaret Elizabeth, Sept. 17, 1908.

**GEORGE S. COWLES**—"Hill Crest Farm," owned since the year 1900 by George S. Cowles, is a well located tract of 149 acres in Section 18, town of Harmony, Chautauqua county. Mr. Cowles is developing "Hill Crest" as a high grade dairy farm, his herd of twenty-five fine Holstein cattle all being registered, and at the farm several pure blooded calves are giving promise for the future. Mr. Cowles is a farmer bred and born, and from youth has been familiar with the care and handling of live stock. He is a son of Archibald W. Cowles, born Oct. 9, 1840, a farmer of North Harmony, and his wife, Martha Jane (Taylor) Cowles, born Aug. 6, 1846, in Harmony, also the birthplace of her husband.

George S. Cowles was born at Open Meadows, town of Harmony, Chautauqua county, N. Y., July 21, 1870. After completing public school study, he supplemented the knowledge thus gained by a short course of study at Cornell University, then began the business in which he has since been engaged, dairy farming. In 1900 he purchased his present farm, "Hill Crest," and devoted the acres thereof to general farming and the upkeep of his herd of Holsteins, one of the best in the county. For ten years Mr. Cowles conducted a creamery very successfully, but since 1903 has devoted himself entirely to the management of his own dairy farm. He is a Republican in politics, and has served his town as assessor. He is a member of the Patrons of Husbandry, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of Ebenezer Methodist Church.

Mr. Cowles married, Oct. 7, 1897, in Harmony, Emma G. Blanchard, born in Harmony, daughter of Charles and Helen (Flanders) Blanchard, her parents born in Harmony. Mr. and Mrs. Cowles are the parents of six children: Mary E., born Sept. 28, 1898; George H., born Aug. 30, 1902; Ivagene, born Dec. 30, 1903; Mildred, born March 16, 1906; Dorothy H., born May 30, 1908; Ruth L., born June 30, 1911.

**FRANK C. MYERS**—Among the prominent citizens of Kennedy, Chautauqua county, N. Y., where he has been engaged in agricultural operations for a number of years, and taken an active part in public life, should be mentioned Frank C. Myers, a native of the town of Randolph, N. Y., born April 12, 1871, a son of William C. and Mary (Carter) Myers, old and highly respected residents of this place.

Frank C. Myers attended as a lad the public schools of his native place and later the Chamberlain Institute, from which he was graduated with the class of 1891. Mr. Myers had already considerable training in general farming methods under his father, who was a well known agriculturist in the region, and in the year 1895 he became the possessor of a valuable farm property in the neighborhood of Waterboro, which he has ever since continued to operate with a high degree of success. Here Mr. Myers raises various farm products and specializes in dairying, disposing of his produce in the neighboring markets. In this way he has built up a lucrative business, and is well known as one of the substantial citizens hereabouts at the present time. Mr. Myers has also participated most actively in the general life of the community, and has always been especially interested in educational matters. He is a Republican in politics, and has always staunchly supported his party. He served as a member of the School Board at Kennedy for fourteen years, has been a member of the Election Board, has also been a justice of the peace for a number of years, and has won a well deserved reputation for the impartiality of his decisions. He is a member of the Grange, and he attends the Methodist church at Kennedy.

Frank C. Myers was united in marriage, Nov. 27, 1895, at Kennedy, N. Y., with Maud Cummings, a daughter of Orrin A. and Mary J. (Taylor) Cummings. Mr. Cummings is a veteran of the Civil War, in which great conflict he served from the beginning to the end with the 9th New York Cavalry, which participated in many battles which made the company famous. Mr. and Mrs. Myers are the parents of the following children: 1. Stuart, born Sept 5, 1896; attended the local school of Kennedy, and Jamestown High School; during the World War he was selected to go to the heavy artillery camps at Columbia, S. C., where he was trained for service abroad; while in the service he was promoted to the rank of first sergeant, was retained by his superior officers and assigned to commissary duty at Camp Jackson, so continuing until July 25, 1919, when he was honorably discharged from the service of the government; he is now (1921) connected with the foreign sales department of the Art Metal Company of Jamestown. 2. Frances Elizabeth, born Dec. 10, 1901, educated in the local school of Kennedy and Jamestown High School.

**JOHN EDGAR PIERPONT**, a successful farmer of Cassadaga, N. Y., was born at Rowe, Franklin county, Mass., March 3, 1850, the son of Chauncy and Sarah (Burton) Pierpont. To Mr. and Mrs. Pierpont were born five children: Joseph Watson, Georgina Cato, Martha Ann, Mary Ann, and John Edgar, of further mention.

John Edgar Pierpont was brought by his parents to Charlotte when a baby. They traveled by boat on the Erie canal, and were eight days making the journey from Troy to Buffalo, then to Dunkirk, from which latter place they drove to Charlotte. Here John E. received his education, attending the district school, after which he worked on his father's farm for several years, and has always been engaged in this particular line of industry. For the past twenty-five years he has been actively engaged in the manufacture of refined cider, boiled cider, apple jelly and vinegar. His factory is situated in Cassadaga, on Railroad avenue, near the lake. He takes an active interest in the affairs of Cassadaga, where he has resided for many years, is a trustee and steward of the Grange, and has held the offices of town collector and assessor. Politically he is a Republican; also president of the Board of Education for several years.

Mr. Pierpont married Florence Todd, who died July 30, 1915. They were the parents of two children: Florence M., a teacher; Jessie M., at home. The family attend the Baptist church of Cassadaga.

**WILLIAM FREDERICK KEOPKA**—It was after a somewhat varied career that Mr. Keopka became a resident of Sherman, but the years which have since elapsed, though comparatively few in number, have brought him a fair measure of success in his chosen calling. He has long been known as one of the prosperous farmers of his community and as a citizen who stands high in public esteem. William Frederick Keopka was born Aug. 15, 1872, in the village of Westfield, Chautauqua county, N. Y., and is a son of Frederick and Friederike (Riefstahl) Keopka. Mr. Keopka was a laborer and truck farmer; he is still living at the old home, but his wife is now deceased.

William Frederick Keopka was educated in the public schools of Westfield, and entered early upon the independent work of life. For four years he served as stationary engineer in a sawmill at Westfield, then became switchman on the New York Central Railroad at Westfield. After retaining this position for nine years, he changed his work, engaging in the meat business at Westfield, N. Y., for eight years. Throughout these changes he was prudent and economical, saving his earnings, and as the years went on accumulating sufficient capital to purchase his present farm. This was in 1902. The estate comprises 165 acres and since becoming possessor of it Mr. Keopka built a beautiful residence on the side of the road opposite the old one, which he now lives in, a tenant occupying the old house. He has built large and commodious outhouses, including chicken houses and workshops, and his livestock consists of five horses, twenty-five cattle, ten hogs and twenty-five sheep. He has improved 125 acres of his farm and has the best timber land. In politics, Mr. Keopka is a Democrat, but has never desired public office, finding his time fully occupied with the care of his estate. He is a member of the Grange.

Mr. Keopka married, Nov. 20, 1901, Emma Giesler, daughter of Frank W. and Frederica (Nieman) Giesler. Mr. and Mrs. Keopka are the parents of the following children: Freida, attended the district school and the Sherman High School, graduating from the

high school in June, 1920, and is now attending Sherman training class; Frances, educated in the same manner; Herman, attending the district school, and rendering much assistance to his father, and Edna, also a student in the district school.

With his fine estate, constantly increasing in value, and his promising family, not to speak of his assured position in the community, Mr. Keopka certainly has a bright outlook upon life.

**ALONZO J. MARTIN**, respected farm owner in Kiantone township, Chautauqua county, N. Y., has lived the greater part of his life within the county, and has had prominent part in public affairs. He has been supervisor for many years, and for twenty-three years has been entrusted with the administration of justice in Kiantone township. Therefore it will be appreciated that he is a man highly regarded by his neighbors. He was born April 3, 1849, in the city of Milwaukee, Wis., the son of Alonzo D. and Clarissa (Jones) Martin.

Alonzo J. Martin received a public school education, and was early in Chautauqua county, N. Y., where he occupied himself mainly by farming. By political allegiance he is a Republican, and for many years was particularly active in national political affairs; and he exercised much influence in his own district, where his word was respected and his judgment recognized. In local affairs he was especially interested, and for many years served as supervisor. In the administration of justice his record is estimable, and he has continued to hold the confidence of the people of the community for twenty-three years, for during that period he has continuously been a justice of the peace of Kiantone township. He must therefore be a man of fundamentally sound judgment, and also a man of honorable, impartial practice. He belongs to the local Grange, and in all things pertaining to the community, or the well-being of the community, he has always been interested and willing to aid in any way that was possible in furthering any local cause.

Mr. Martin married (first) Dec. 19, 1866, at South Argyle, N. Y., Eliza Mary, daughter of Philip J. Bain. She died March 1, 1906, after a married life of almost forty years. On June 26, 1907, Mr. Martin married (second) Alice Spencer.

The commendable industry and worthy public service of Alonzo J. Martin have been such as to warrant record in this current history of Chautauqua county. He has lived a good life of useful service, honorably and impartially meting out justice. While the war was in progress, he loyally subscribed as much as he was able to the government loans and the various other public subscriptions of war classification, and in many other ways showed that he was whole-hearted in his patriotism. He has ever been of unselfish disposition, and during his association with the people of Chautauqua county, and particularly with those in Kiantone township, manifested a spirit of generous community interest.

**JAMES B. LOWE**—For thirty-four years, 1886-1920, Mr. Lowe has resided upon the farm in section 42, town of Busti, which in the year 1900 became his prop-



erty by purchase. He is a successful dairy farmer, although his farm of seventy-six acres, lying near the village of Lakewood, has been reduced in size through the sale of building lots, the property being very desirable for that purpose. Mr. Lowe is a native son of Pennsylvania, his parents, Daniel and Elizabeth (Martin) Lowe, being residents of Lottsville, Pa., at the time of the birth of their son, James B. Daniel Lowe was born in Lottsville, Sept. 8, 1836, and died Aug. 10, 1912. Elizabeth (Martin) Lowe was born in Sugar Grove, Pa., March 10, 1837, is yet living (1921), and makes her home in Busti with her son.

James B. Lowe was born in Lottsville, Pa., July 9, 1862, and was there educated in the public schools. He adopted farming as his occupation and at the age of twenty-three came to his present farm in Busti, Chautauqua county, N. Y. Fifteen years later, in 1900, he purchased the farm, and there has passed the last thirty-four years of his life, a dairy farmer.

Mr. Lowe married, in the town of Harmony, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Jan. 21, 1886, Carrie Green, born in that town, Jan. 21, 1859, daughter of Alfred and Adeline (Moore) Green, both of Chautauqua county birth. Mr. and Mrs. Lowe are the parents of three children: Alfred G., born Feb. 5, 1887; Elizabeth, born July 5, 1890; and Walter, born April 10, 1906.

**HERBERT ELISHA PUTNAM**—One of the representative citizens of Cassadaga, N. Y., is Herbert Elisha Putnam, a member of an old Massachusetts family. His father was Allan Putnam, a farmer and teacher. His mother was Marilla (Smith) Putnam. To Mr. and Mrs. Putnam were born four children: Estelle, wife of Oscar Skinner, of Dunkirk; Clayton S., of Dunkirk; Clesson A., and Herbert Elisha, mentioned below.

Herbert Elisha Putnam was born in Cassadaga, N. Y., Aug. 11, 1866. His education was obtained in the district schools of his native place and Fredonia Normal School. He has always made his home at Cassadaga, where he owns 156 acres of land, much of which is under cultivation, and together with this he conducts a large dairy. Politically, Mr. Putnam is a Republican, giving to public affairs the interest and attention demanded of every good citizen. He has held the offices of school trustee and assessor of the town. He is a member of the Grange.

On Dec. 17, 1891, Mr. Putnam was united in marriage with Susannah Johnson, and they are the parents of four children: Ellen Marilla, a graduate of the Mechanics Institute at Rochester, N. Y., as a dietitian, in which capacity she served eight months in France, during the late war; Ann Meadmore, a student at Syracuse University; Margaret Haynes; Lorimer Allen, associated with his father.

Herbert Elisha Putnam is a quiet but potent factor in the many movements which promote the welfare of the community in which he resides. His devotion to his friends and his strict probity in all his business relations, so well known to all his associates, have met with that return of warm personal regard and financial success such distinguishing qualities merit.

**PEARL C. TICKNER**—"Meadow View Farm," the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pearl C. Tickner, is a beautiful property of 212 acres at Open Meadow, Chautauqua county, N. Y., inherited by Mrs. Tickner from her father, William Henry Casselman. The farm is of highly fertile land, devoted to general farming, small fruits and standard fruits. Mr. Tickner is a capable, energetic farmer, and has devoted his life to the business he follows. "Meadow View Farm" is modernly furnished and equipped with machinery and conveniences, the house filled with electric devices of many kinds, the work of the son of the house, Leo A. Tickner, who has a genius for electricity and machinery. Pearl C. Tickner is a son of Hiram and Lucy D. (Conant) Tickner, his father, born Sept. 5, 1818, in the town of Lock, Cayuga county, N. Y., died Feb. 24, 1901; his mother, born July 11, 1828, in the town of Ripley, Chautauqua county, N. Y., died May 26, 1897. Hiram Tickner was a mason, and a farmer of the town of Harmony, Chautauqua county, N. Y.

Pearl C. Tickner was born in Ashville, town of Harmony, Chautauqua county, N. Y., June 10, 1862. He attended the public schools of the district, and early in life began farming, a business he has since followed with good success. "Meadow View Farm" is a well kept and intelligently cultivated farm, its crops of wheat and hay always heavy, while the orchards and small fruits show the hand of a skilled grower. He is a member of the Patrons of Husbandry, the Methodist Episcopal church, and in politics a Republican.

Mr. Tickner married, Sept. 24, 1889, Kate M. Casselman, born at "Meadow View Farm" (which has been her life-time home) in the town of Harmony, Chautauqua county, N. Y., daughter of William Henry and Susan (Roof) Casselman, her father born in Tompkins county, N. Y., Feb. 2, 1818, died Sept. 22, 1895; her mother, born in Canajoharie, N. Y., Dec. 14, 1818, died Nov. 29, 1889. Mr. and Mrs. Tickner are the parents of a son, Leo A., born April 8, 1900. He is his father's farm assistant, thoroughly capable and reliable, has an unusual record in running a threshing machine without a helper, and has filled up the farm house with many electrical conveniences.

**CHARLES A. ADAMS**—If a man whose age is almost identical with that of his estate is, by that fact, entitled to be ranked as one of the agricultural pioneers of the county, then the worthy citizen of Ripley whose name we have just written can undoubtedly claim the honor. While Mr. Adams has never taken any part in political affairs, he has always been a man who could be counted on to do his share in any movement having for its object betterment of community conditions.

Charles A. Adams was born May 20, 1857, near Buffalo, N. Y., a son of John and Lena (Nale) Adams. When the boy was two years old his parents moved to the farm on which he himself now lives and which was then wild land. Charles A. Adams attended the district schools of Ripley, and has always lived on the old farm, succeeding in the course of time to its ownership. On coming into possession of the land which his father had redeemed from the wilderness, Mr. Adams continued

the good work by introducing a number of modern improvements. The farm comprises 115 acres devoted to general farming according to the most enlightened methods and having orchards planted by Mr. Adams and his father.

Mr. Adams married, Nov. 10, 1897, at Ripley, Jessie, daughter of W. S. Durlin, of Pittsfield, Pa., and they are the parents of two daughters and one son: Loren A., married Kay Row Scott, and has one child, Mildred; Ivan Durlin, now adding to the revenue of his father's farm by carrying on the rabbit business on a large scale; and Gertrude Irene. The only son and the youngest daughter are at home with their parents.

While Mr. Adams has few interests apart from his work as an agriculturist he has, by the results secured by his enlightened energy, helped to maintain high standards of farming and thus to benefit the entire community. He represents the second of the two generations which have made the farm what it is, and it is to be hoped that it will still more richly repay the labors of a third.

**MARION ANDERSON**—Western New York, and particularly Chautauqua county, is famous for its agricultural development and for the intelligent and efficient men who have made it one of the greatest wealth producing regions in the United States. Among the capable and progressive farmers of this region, where he has been engaged in the occupation of farming for a number of years, is Marion Anderson, a native of Carroll, N. Y., where his birth occurred May 11, 1883, a son of William and Lena (Vandenack) Anderson, old and highly respected residents of this region. The elder Mr. Anderson, like his son, was a successful farmer hereabouts and it was on his father's farm that Marion Anderson learned the modern methods in agriculture which he has so successfully put in application on his own place.

As a child Mr. Anderson worked as an assistant to his father, and during the winter months attended the local public schools, completing his education at the Frewsburg High School of Frewsburg, N. Y. Upon completing his studies at the last named institution, Mr. Anderson devoted his attention entirely to farming, and in the year 1915 became the owner of a fine property, near Poland, possessed of great natural fertility, and has since that time been engaged in the raising of poultry and fine cattle. This produce he disposes of in the nearby market and has developed a large and highly remunerative trade in this line. In politics, Mr. Anderson is a staunch Republican and is well known in the councils of his party, though he is quite unambitious for political preferment and has always consistently avoided public office of any kind. He is also a well known figure in the social life of the community and is affiliated with the local lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Kennedy. In his religion, Mr. Anderson is a member of the United Brethren church, and has always taken an active part in the work of the congregation, being a liberal supporter of all philanthropic and benevolent undertakings.

Marion Anderson was united in marriage, June 10, 1903, at Poland Center, N. Y., with Edna May Jacobes,

a native of that place, born March 3, 1886, a daughter of John Godfrey and Mary E. (Clark) Jacobes. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are the parents of three children, as follows: Daris Marion, born March 19, 1904; Bessie Marie, born Aug. 7, 1906; and Clifford Ranson, born Oct. 10, 1908.

**HIRAM WARREN ANDRUS**, who has been one of the successful farmers of Ellington, Chautauqua county, N. Y., was born in the town of Gerry, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Sept. 17, 1852. He is a son of Cyrus and Clarissa (Thorn) Andrus, and a grandson of Jeremiah Andrus, who came to New York State from Vermont in the year 1831, he being a member of an old Vermont family. Cyrus Andrus was born in Middletown, Rutland county, Vt., July 13, 1813. His wife, Clarissa (Thorn) Andrus, was born Sept. 14, 1824, died March 24, 1914, a daughter of John Thorn, one of the early school teachers of Chautauqua county.

Hiram W. Andrus obtained his education at the old Ellington Academy, and later at the high school. Since completing his studies, he has given his attention to agricultural pursuits. Mr. Andrus is a Republican in politics, and both he and his wife are members of the First Congregational Church of Ellington. He was united in marriage, Sept. 16, 1875, with Nellie Waith, a native of Chautauqua county, N. Y., born April 15, 1854, the youngest daughter of the late George and Helen (Bates) Waith, both of whom were members of English families, being descended on the paternal side from the Rev. William Waith, a native of London, England, and who came to the United States at an early period, and on the maternal side from Joseph Bates, whose descendants came from England. To Mr. and Mrs. Andrus the following children have been born: Herman B., born Feb. 27, 1877, died July 9, 1877; Clair Waith, born Feb. 20, 1881; Mamie E., born Aug. 8, 1883; Cyrus, born Feb. 29, 1885, died Dec. 5, 1886; Helen B., born May 15, 1889, died June 15, 1907.

**MARVIN BISHOP ADAMS**—Few regions are so peculiarly blessed by nature with a fruitful soil and favorable climate as that region of Western New York State comprised within the borders of Chautauqua county, and these advantages have been fully appreciated and grasped by the enterprising inhabitants who have turned what was originally a part of the vast wilderness which the white settlers found covering the New World into one of its chief garden spots, producing every kind of fruit and vegetable appropriate to its temperate climate. Although there has grown up here in recent years many great industrial and commercial enterprises, its agriculture still remains the most characteristic feature and its fruit growers and farmers are today probably its most important class of citizens. Among the successful agriculturists of the present day should be mentioned Marvin Bishop Adams, of Fredonia, whose fine farm in the neighborhood of that flourishing town is well known for its high state of cultivation and the splendid quality of its many products.

Mr. Adams is a member of a family that has long been prominent in the Pomfret region, and his farm is one of the oldest hereabouts. The family was founded



in Western New York by Bishop Adams, the paternal grandfather of the present representative of the name, who came from Massachusetts at an early date and settled at Van Buren Point, Chautauqua county, taking up about 160 acres of land. At that time the whole region was practically uncleared and was infested with wild animals and Indians so that the life of the pioneer and his family was chiefly composed of hard work and peril but, with the sturdy industry that marked the men of those days, he persevered and eventually cleared and cultivated his property. With the true pioneering spirit, however, he did not long remain to enjoy the results of his labor, but, perceiving what he believed to be a better neighborhood, he removed to Pomfret and there took up some 321 acres in partnership with a son. This was of course uncleared forest land and the two at once set about clearing it and bringing it under cultivation, a great task which they eventually accomplished. This farm is yet to a large extent in the possession of the Adams family, and represents some of the finest agricultural property in the section. One of the sons of Bishop Adams was David Adams, the father of the subject of this sketch. He was but twelve years of age when his father removed to Pomfret, now Fredonia, N. Y., and made his home there during his entire life. He served in the Civil War and married Mary E. Woodcock, one of their children being Marvin Bishop Adams.

Marvin Bishop Adams was born on the old Adams homestead, June 7, 1852. He received his education in the public schools of Fredonia and the celebrated Fredonia State Normal School. From early youth he has been interested in agriculture and, following in the steps of his forebears, has devoted himself to the cultivation of the family acres. He is now the possessor of one of the finest farms in the neighborhood, where he raises on a large scale many kinds of grapes and other fruits, as well as various vegetables. In this he has been attended with notable success, the result of his indefatigable industry and his wide knowledge of his subject, as well as an intelligent use of the opportunities of his farm. He finds a large market for his various products in the neighboring communities. In politics Mr. Adams is a Republican and has taken a considerable part in local affairs, serving for one year as tax collector for Fredonia.

Marvin Bishop Adams married, Oct. 31, 1871, Martha Anne Fry, a native of Rochester, N. Y., from which place she removed to Fredonia when but three years of age. She is a daughter of Alfred and Martha (Taylor) Fry, old and highly respected residents of Fredonia. Mr. and Mrs. Adams are the parents of two children, as follows: 1. Ernest Percival, born June 13, 1874, and educated in the local public schools and the Fredonia State Normal School; he married (first) Sadra Carr, by whom he had one child, Rexford, and who died March 14, 1900; he married (second) Lulu Carr, a sister of his first wife, and a daughter of Mary Carr, and they are the parents of two children: Edna Muriel and Leah Maye. 2. Leah Bessie, born Nov. 5, 1883, educated at the local public schools and the Fredonia State Normal School, and who became the wife of Clement S. Gillson, to whom she has borne two children: Wallace Clement and Russell Earle.

**DAVID L. ARNOLD**—Among the active and prominent citizens of Bemus Point, Chautauqua county, N. Y., who have taken part in the public and agricultural life of the community, should be mentioned David L. Arnold, a lifelong resident of the town, and a member of a family which has long been highly esteemed there. Mr. Arnold is a son of Edward B. and Eliza Jane (Russell) Arnold, the former for many years a prosperous farmer of the region, and from whom the present representative of the name inherited his strong character and high Christian principles.

The birth of David L. Arnold occurred Oct. 8, 1870, in the old family home at Bemus Point, in which he resides to the present day, and as a lad he assisted his father on the latter's farm and attended the local district schools. He thus gained a wide knowledge of general farming methods, and when he had completed his schooling he devoted himself to that occupation as his business in life. In course of time he inherited from his father the old homestead, and since that time has conducted it as a very successful farm, keeping it in the highest state of cultivation so that it has become one of the most productive properties of its kind in the neighborhood. Mr. Arnold has displayed as much ability in disposing of his products as in raising them, and finds today a large and growing market for them in Bemus Point itself and the surrounding communities. While he has been thus active in his private enterprise, Mr. Arnold has also taken a public-spirited part in the public life of the community, holding for six years the office of trustee of the town, during which time he administered the affairs thereof in a highly disinterested and conscientious manner and won the approval of all classes and parties there. He is a member of Bemus Point Lodge, No. 585, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a well known figure in the social and fraternal circles of the place. The Arnold family attended the old Universalist church at Bemus.

David L. Arnold was united in marriage, April 20, 1896, with Alice Cheney, like himself a native of Bemus Point, born Dec. 9, 1878, a daughter of Mark H. and Mary (Bennett) Cheney. To Mr. and Mrs. Arnold four children have been born, as follows: Richard E., born Nov. 16, 1897; Catherine E., born June 27, 1900, died Nov. 27, 1903; Esther, born April 3, 1904; and Ruth, born Aug. 14, 1909.

**RALPH RAY BABCOCK**—A man of enterprise, Mr. Babcock has, as a farmer, planted good seed and has seen a valuable harvest spring forth and ripen, through his activities in sowing. Mr. Babcock is a son of Samuel Russell Babcock, a farmer, and his wife, Ella (Carpenter) Babcock, of Matthews Run, Warren county, Pa.

Ralph Ray Babcock was born at Matthews Run, Pa., May 20, 1881, and is now a farmer of the town of Harmony, residing in the village of Ashville. He is a Republican in politics, a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and of Watts Flats Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Patrons of Hushandry.

Mr. Babcock married, Jan. 31, 1906, Frances Hildum, born in the town of Ellery, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Nov. 10, 1875, daughter of Chester A. and Loretta Jane

(Barney) Hildum, her father born in Cherry Creek, her mother in Ellery. Mr. and Mrs. Babcock are the parents of a son, Ronald Russell, born Feb. 4, 1910.

Mrs. Frances (Hildum) Babcock through her mother, Mrs. Loretta Jane (Barney) Hildum, is a descendant of the Revolutionary soldier, Luther Barney, who is buried in Ellery, Chautauqua county, N. Y. Luther Barney, born in Norwich, Conn., 1757, died in Ellery, N. Y., 1844; enlisted in 1776 as a private in the Connecticut militia raised to reinforce General Washington in New York. Later he enlisted in the navy, and in an engagement with the enemy was taken prisoner and confined on a prison ship. He was released at the solicitation of General Lafayette, but his brother, Edward Barney, was retained on the prison ship and died of small-pox while yet a prisoner. Mrs. Babcock is a teacher, having taught in several rural schools of the county and four years in Lakewood High School. She was graduated from Valparaiso College, Valparaiso, Ind., in 1903, with the B. S. degree. During the war, when a call came to do her bit, she again took up the profession to help the rural schools and is still serving in the capacity of teacher.

**MARION L. BAGG**, a farmer of Ellington, respected in that section of Chautauqua county because of his steady, industrious qualities and skillful farming, and because of his upright, manly life in general, was born in Ellington, where the family name of Bagg has been for many decades a familiar and respected one.

His birth date was June 6, 1885, and his parents, C. T. and Nellie (Terry) Bagg, had for long prior to that time been residents in Ellington. His father was well known in many other parts of the county, and in adjoining counties, for he was a salesman, active, successful, and well liked.

Marion L. Bagg grew to manhood in the place of his nativity, and was given a good education in the public schools of Ellington, eventually graduating from the high school. Thereafter, he took resolutely to farming occupations, appreciably improved his property, and now has a holding which brings him a very satisfactory return. He is interested in all questions pertaining to agriculture, and is a regular attendant at the county fairs. He also belongs to the local Grange, taking part in its affairs. By political allegiance, he is a Republican. He loyally followed President Wilson upon national questions that had bearing upon the recent war, realizing that he needed the whole-souled coöperation of all true patriots. And he contributed, to the limit of his means, to the funds promoted successively during the progress of the war to meet the needs of the country, in some phase of the military operations.

On Dec. 1, 1915, Marion L. Bagg was married, in the town of Poland, to Bessie Sears, daughter of Rufus J. and Nellie (Welch) Sears. Mrs. Bessie (Sears) Bagg was born in Poland, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Aug. 16, 1883. Mr. and Mrs. Bagg are the parents of two children: Helen Lucile, born Dec. 30, 1916, and Catherine Allene, born Aug. 9, 1918. Mr. and Mrs. Bagg take good part in community affairs, having a kindly feeling for their neighbors, and a happy outlook upon life in general, so that they are much liked in the community.

**EDWARD BEERS**, one of the prominent and progressive farmers of Chautauqua county, N. Y., where he has pursued this occupation for a number of years, was born at Blooming Valley, Meadville, Pa., Dec. 4, 1863. He is a son of Henry and Emmeline (Smith) Beers, old and highly respected residents of that place.

As a lad, Edward Beers attended the local district schools. During his spare hours he assisted his father in the work on the latter's farm and also worked for other farmers and lumbermen in that region. Upon reaching man's estate he came to Chautauqua county, N. Y., and secured a position with G. D. Bates, a prominent lumberman of this region, with whom he remained for some ten years. Eventually Mr. Beers rented a farm made up of the properties of two different farmers in this region, which he operated for a time, and in 1918 he bought the old Swartz property of ninety acres, containing a modern dwelling house and a fine barn. Here he engaged in general farming and dairying, disposing of his produce in the local markets of the surrounding communities. Mr. Beers is a well known figure in the general life of this place, and is a member of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Volusia Grange. Mr. Beers has always been an independent in politics, but in spite of the fact that he is not affiliated with any party he was appointed postmaster at Selkirk, Pa., near Warren City, as a young man, and continued to hold that responsible office from 1899 to 1903. He is keenly interested in the agricultural development of the community and his own farm may well serve as a model here.

Edward Beers was united in marriage, Dec. 20, 1886, at Spring Creek, Pa., with Rosa Christine Lillie, a daughter of James and Clandine (Havens) Lillie, of that place, and Crawford county, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Beers are the parents of the following children: P. A., who married Mary Nichols, by whom he has had one child, Eleanor; Bryan, a graduate of the agricultural course at the Westfield High School, from which he holds two certificates, and now engaged in farming near here; Robert, who was selected to attend the cattle judging contest at Alfred University in 1918, and received the first prize, the highest award in the State.

**ROLLIN CLAUDE BENNETT**, who has been for a number of years one of the figures in the agricultural interests of Portland township, Chautauqua county, N. Y., is a native of Clymer, where his birth occurred March 11, 1871. Mr. Bennett is a son of Rollin and Dora (Ross) Bennett, and is related on both sides of the house to families which have taken part in the history of this community. Both the Bennetts and the Rosses are old settlers at Clymer, where Mr. Bennett's paternal grandfather was born. On the maternal side the Ross family is descended from Joseph W. Ross, who came to Clymer early in the nineteenth century and was the owner of lot No. 55 and a part of lot No. 56, purchased by him from the Holland Land Company in August, 1825. The remainder of lot No. 56 was also purchased by him in the following April.

Rollin Claude Bennett was educated in the public schools of Clymer and attended the high school there. During his spare time he assisted his father in the work on the latter's farm and became practically famil-

iar with agricultural methods. He has ever since continued in this line of work. In the spring of 1887 Mr. Bennett came to Portland township, where he was employed on a number of local farms. About this time he was engaged in the study of grape culture, which is one of the largest industries in Chautauqua county. Mr. Bennett became manager of the famous Lake View Vineyard, which he conducted for a term of years, and in December, 1909, purchased his present farm of eighty-four acres. He moved on to this place early in 1910 and since that time has devoted himself to bringing it to its present state of cultivation. At the present time he has about thirty acres of fine vineyard. He also set out a fine orchard, consisting of about 400 trees. In politics he is a Democrat.

Rollin Claude Bennett was united in marriage, July 22, 1890, with Jane Case, a native of Hartfield, Chautauqua township, and a member of an exceedingly old family there. Her parents were Harrison and Jeanette (Locke) Case. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Bennett, as follows: 1. Winnifred, the wife of Thomas Reynolds, of Westfield. 2. Guy Ross, born June 1, 1893; he married Grace McCoy, and they are the parents of one child, Byrum Guy Bennett. 3. Clyde Locke, born Jan. 1, 1896, who is now serving as a member of the United States Marine Corps, located anywhere in the world. 4. Glenn. 5. Dorothy Jeanette, who died when not yet two days old.

**CLARK EUGENE BENTLEY**—Although the owner of a good farm in section 43 of the town of Cherry Creek, Chautauqua county, N. Y., which he bought in 1911 and upon which he resides, Mr. Bentley has long been a United States rural mail carrier, driving a route from the Forestville postoffice for ten years and from Cherry Creek postoffice for nine years. He is a son of Eugene and Alice (Bloss) Bentley, his father a farmer of the town of Hanover, Chautauqua county, N. Y., at the time of the birth of his son, Clark E. He is a grandson of Truman Bloss, one of the pioneer settlers of Chautauqua county. He was born in Wethersfield Springs, Wyoming county, N. Y., Dec. 7, 1815, came to Chautauqua county about 1836, died Jan. 6, 1915.

Clark E. Bentley was born Sept. 8, 1875, and was educated in the public schools, attending high school at Silver Creek and Forestville. His early life was spent upon the home farm in Hanover, but later he entered the United States postal service as rural free delivery carrier and has since been in the service continuously. In 1911 he became the owner of his present farm in the town of Cherry Creek, and since then has driven a route in that town. He is an independent in politics.

Mr. Bentley married in Corry, Pa., Jan. 16, 1901, Neva Bowen, born Dec. 14, 1875, daughter of Clark G. and Ida (Griffin) Bowen, her father born in Morrow county, Ohio; her mother a Pennsylvanian. Mr. and Mrs. Bentley are the parents of two children, both born in Forestville, Chautauqua county, N. Y.: Ralph Donald, born Oct. 3, 1901; and Ruth Fern, born Sept. 22, 1903.

**HARLOW HENRY BREADS**, a responsible farmer of the Westfield section of Chautauqua county, N. Y., is a native of that county, born on his father's

farm, which was near to that upon which he has lived for the last twenty-two years, near Volusia. And he has spent his whole life within the county.

He was born Aug. 4, 1866, the son of Isaac and Mary (Case) Breads. His father, Isaac Breads, and his uncles, John and William Breads, were formerly of Herkimer county, N. Y., but came with their families into Chautauqua county in 1862, and settled on uncultivated land, or mostly uncultivated, near Volusia, and thus took part in pioneer efforts within the county. When the Breads brothers first came into the Volusia section, it was sparsely populated, and there is now only one farmer living in the vicinity who was there when they came. Isaac Breads, father of Harlow Henry Breads, has been dead for many years, but his widow, Mary (Case) Breads, is still in good health, bearing in mind her age, and lives with her son.

Harlow Henry Breads was educated in the district school nearest to his father's farm, and in due course took to agricultural occupations, at the outset assisting his father in the operation of the home property. Eventually he married, and settled upon a farm of 137 acres, which formerly had belonged to the Eddy family, one of the oldest of the pioneer families of Chautauqua county, and certainly of that section of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Breads have lived on the farm for twenty-two years, and she has lived on it longer, for she was of the Eddy family, and at the time of her marriage to Harlow H. Breads it was owned by her mother, her father being dead. Mr. Breads has much improved the property, which is now a valuable dairy, stock and general farming estate. He is an active member of Lombard Grange, of which organization he has been past master; and he has been honored by more than one election to public office; he has been a trustee of the local schools for seventeen years, and at one time undertook the responsibilities of the office of constable for the district.

His marriage to Lizzie Eddy was on July 15, 1896. Mrs. Breads has for many years been particularly active in community affairs, and coming as she does from an historic family, she is naturally much interested in matters that pertain to the history of Chautauqua county. She has identified herself with the proceedings of the Chautauqua County Historical Society, and in her possession is a large collection of interesting historical relics, bequeathed to her by her father and other members of the Eddy family. Harlow H. and Lizzie (Eddy) Breads have one child, Ralph Herbert, who has grown to manhood and now is a veteran of the Great War; he was educated in the district schools, graduated from Westfield High School, and had taken earnestly to agricultural occupations upon his father's farm when the nation was declared to be in a state of war with Germany; as a whole-souled young patriot he enlisted when 20 years old; he saw war service in France, and later with the Army of Occupation in Germany, as a corporal; his return to the United States and to civilian life was quite recent.

While he was away, his parents did all they could to further the national cause, both by financial contributions to the various funds, and by personal service, to the Red Cross in the case of Mrs. Breads, and by closer application to farming in the case of Mr. Breads. The work accomplished by the American farmer in



bringing increased yield of foodstuffs to bolster up the ill-nourished allied countries while the struggle was proceeding had an inconsequential part in the final victory won, and the earnest American farmer who participated might well be satisfied with his share in the national accomplishment.

**WILL F. BROWN**, a well known farmer of Kiantone township, his home being on section 11, was born Sept. 7, 1862, in Carroll township, a son of Eliphalet and Lydia Eveline (Martin) Brown, well known residents of Kiantone township, and grandson of Charles Brown, who came to Chautauqua county from Massachusetts in 1818. He married Betsey Smith, daughter of Moses and Margaret Smith, and settled in Carroll township, near Conewango creek, and they were the parents of six children: Eliphalet, of whom further; Charles, Elmira, Elvira, Warren and Harriet.

Eliphalet Brown, son of Charles and Betsey (Smith) Brown, married Lydia Eveline Martin, and to them three children were born: Martin, Manley and Will F., the subject of this sketch.

Will F. Brown received his early education in the public schools of Jamestown, N. Y., and after graduating from the Jamestown High School, took up the study of engineering, later accepting a position with the American Axe and Tool Company. In 1897 he resigned his position and took up agricultural pursuits, in which occupation he continues at the present time. In politics Mr. Brown is a staunch Democrat, and he and his family are members of the Congregational church. He is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Grange.

In Jamestown, N. Y., May 19, 1892, Mr. Brown was united in marriage with Effie C. Lukins, born Feb. 9, 1866, a daughter of Philip H. and Lurilla (Du Bois) Lukins. Two children were born of this union, as follows: Lurilla Eveline, born Oct. 23, 1893, and Philip Eliphalet, born March 2, 1895.

Success has come to Mr. Brown as the result of strong purpose, unflinching energy and earnest and honest endeavor, and his life is indeed exemplary in many respects.

**ARTHUR JAY BUSH**—Among all the farmers whose activities have played so important a part in the development of Falconer, Chautauqua county, N. Y., none is better known or more successful than Arthur Jay Bush, who has been engaged actively in the raising of stock and farm produce in this region for many years. Mr. Bush was born in Conewango, Jan. 23, 1878, the son of Adelbart and Alta (Jay) Bush, old and highly respected citizens of that place, where the elder Bush, like his son, was engaged in farming operations.

Arthur Jay Bush was reared in the wholesome environment of the farm, for he spent his summer months in aiding his father with his work on his place, and there learned the methods and gained the experience which later were the foundation of his own success as a farmer. He attended the local public schools in the winter and there he received his early education, but as he was an ambitious and progressive youth he was not satisfied with this, and so later he became a student

in the Chamberlain Institute at Randolph, N. Y. After completing his studies at this institution, Mr. Bush devoted himself to helping his father for a time that he might round out his knowledge of agricultural methods, and in the year 1900 he came into possession of his present property where he now applies his farming experience with great success upon his own account, so much so that his indefatigable industry has developed it into one of the model farms in this part of the country, to so high a state of cultivation has he brought it. Mr. Bush has not, however, confined his activities to agricultural pursuits, but has taken a prominent part in local public affairs and has served the community as justice of the peace for several years with great faithfulness, and has shown marked ability in his conduct of this difficult and important office. He has been a conspicuous figure in social and club circles here, and is affiliated with a number of important organizations. Mr. Bush is connected prominently with the First National Bank of Falconer, and in all business matters has shown a wide grasp of practical affairs. In his religious belief he is a Methodist and attends the Wesleyan church of that denomination at Falconer.

Arthur Jay Bush was united in marriage, Sept. 20, 1900, at Levant, N. Y., with Hattie Irene Clark, a native of Gerry, N. Y., where her birth occurred Nov. 21, 1878, a daughter of Benjamin and Jane (Chapman) Clark, both old and respected citizens of Levant, N. Y. To Mr. and Mrs. Bush have been born two children, as follows: Elton Clark, born April 27, 1903, and Lucile May, born July 31, 1905.

**HAROLD CAMP**—Among the younger progressive farmers of Ellery township, Chautauqua county, N. Y., there is none better deserving of mention, both on account of his success in his chosen occupation and his public-spirited interest in the affairs of the community, than Harold Camp, whose life and career have always been associated with that place. Mr. Camp was born Aug. 11, 1897, in Ellery township, a son of Merrit and Lavina (Sherman) Camp. His mother died Aug. 23, 1897, when only twenty-four years of age, and the child, then only a few days old, together with his sister, Mary, born Jan. 24, 1896, was adopted by his grandfather, Wilson Camp.

It was at the home of this grandfather that Harold Camp grew to manhood, and there he learned the rudiments of farming during the same period in which he attended school. Upon completing his education he took up agriculture as a permanent occupation, and continued to assist his grandfather in the work on the home farm until the death of the latter, May 24, 1919. His sister, Mary Camp, had in the meantime married Horton Risley, and gone to live with him in the Far West, so the elder Mr. Camp left his grandson the entire valuable property in Ellery township in his will. The young man has since that time conducted the farm on his own account and has met with notable success, disposing of his plentiful crops in the neighboring markets. Mr. Camp has always interested himself in local affairs and has made himself highly respected among his fellow-townsmen for his intelligent participation therein. He is a Republican in politics, and although he has taken no active part therein or sought for public office



in any way, his opinion on the issues of the day are recognized as of a progressive conservatism which renders them of value. He is a member of Union Grange, of Jamestown.

**ARTHUR BENNETT CARRIS** should be included in any list of the successful farmers of Chautauqua county, N. Y., his farm at Ripley being one of the most modern and efficiently conducted among the many splendid farms of this region. Born in the town of Ripley, Sept. 24, 1872, the son of Alonzo D. and Ellen (Houghton) Carris, he is a member of a family that has long been prominent in the county. His grandfather, Dewitt Carris, was the owner of a farm of 214 acres in this neighborhood, which was purchased by him at an early date. Eighty acres of the old homestead were disposed of by his wife after his death, but the major part of it is still in the possession of the family. The children of Dewitt Carris and his wife were as follows: Alonzo D.; Frank, who resides at Rochester; Charles, who removed to Connecticut; and Electa J., who became the wife of W. S. Clark, of Hornell, and is now deceased.

Alonzo D. Carris, father of Arther Bennett Carris, resided on the family homestead, was engaged in agricultural pursuits all his life, and his death occurred there. He married Ellen Houghton, and they were the parents of five children, as follows: Arthur Bennett; May, who became the wife of Len. Platt, of North East, Pa.; Emma, who became the wife of Cal. Smith, of Ripley; Edgar, who is now engaged in farming at Ripley, and Rena, now Mrs. Harry Brooks, of Erie, Pa.

Arthur Bennett Carris received his education at the local public school, and upon completing his studies at this institution assisted his father in working the latter's farm. At the time of the death of the elder Mr. Carris, he inherited 134 acres of the old family homestead which he has continued to cultivate and operate as a farm ever since. Mr. Carris has been eminently successful in his farming activities, and conducts his property as a general farm and dairy, maintaining fifteen head of the finest Holstein cattle, the product of which he disposes of in the local markets. Besides this he devotes about nine acres to the cultivation of grapes and another four acres to fruit trees of different varieties. Upon his place there is a handsome modern dwelling house, as well as all the necessary farm buildings, including a large barn and garage. He occupies a position of prominence in the neighborhood, and is highly esteemed by his fellow-citizens generally. In politics Mr. Carris is a Democrat, and in religious belief a Methodist. He is affiliated with a number of important organizations in the region, and takes a keen interest in the affairs of the community, especially in connection with its agricultural development. He is a prominent member of the South Ripley Grange, in which at one time he held the office of master. He is also affiliated with the Farm Bureau of the Dairymen's League, and at present serves in the capacity of fire director in the Relief Association.

Arthur Bennett Carris was united in marriage, Jan. 5, 1898, with Eunice McDonald, of Ripley, a daughter of John and Mary McDonald, old and highly respected

residents of this place. They are the parents of the following children: Ellen, who resides with her parents; Lloyd, now a student at District No. 8 School; and Donna, also a student at the same school.

**GEORGE WILLIAM CHACE**, well-to-do farmer of North East, Pa., with residence in Ripley township, Chautauqua county, N. Y., is a native of Corry, Pa., born Oct. 31, 1870, son of Edwin and Emma (Pitt) Chace.

The parents of George W. Chace removed to Mina township, Chautauqua county, N. Y., when their son was three years old, and he gained a practical education by attending the Mina and Ripley district schools. At an early age he began his active business career, working as machinist and at other odd jobs in the vicinity of his home, finally serving an apprenticeship at the trade of carpenter, which he followed for a long period of time, his efforts meeting with a certain degree of success. In 1899, having accumulated sufficient capital, he purchased his present farm, consisting of 145 acres, and during the intervening years he has improved his property to a great extent, and ranks among the progressive farmers of that section of the State. His residence, well, garage, and out-buildings are modern in every respect, and he has erected a large silo capable of holding sixty-five tons. He has set out two vineyards (grapes) which yield abundantly. His farm is an experimental farm for the Chautauqua County Farm Bureau, in which he holds membership, and it is well adapted for that use. His stock consists of four horses, twenty-two cows, two hogs (sufficient for home use), fifty chickens, etc. Mr. Chace is a great believer in the use of power for lightening farm labor, and is the owner of three gas engines, using them for water, irrigation, in the cattle barn, and for other minor uses. Mr. Chace is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Ripley, and of the local Grange, Patrons of Husbandry.

Mr. Chace married, Feb. 22, 1899, Grace Roberts, of Ripley, and they are the parents of three children: 1. Ernest, a student in the high school of Ripley; he lost two school years by leaving his studies in order to learn a trade, but eventually decided to return to school and prepare for a university course, hence the seeming incongruity of a younger brother preceding him to college. 2. Clyde, a graduate of the Sherman High School, now a student in the University of Pennsylvania. 3. Ruth, a student in the district school.

**MORRIS P. CHENEY**—Prominent among the successful and prosperous farmers of Bemus Point, Chautauqua county, N. Y., where he has been engaged in extensive agricultural operations for a considerable period of years, is Morris P. Cheney, who today is one of the respected and influential members of his community. Mr. Cheney is a member of a family that has resided for a number of generations in this neighborhood, and a son of Asa and Catherine (Griffith) Cheney, both of whom were born in Ellery township. The elder Mr. Cheney was a farmer by occupation.

It was upon the old homestead that Morris P. Cheney was born March 14, 1858. There also his childhood

was spent in the wholesome occupations of assisting with the lighter farm labors and simple sports of country lads, with intervals during the winter months of attending the district schools. Upon the completion of his studies, Mr. Cheney took up farming more consistently, at first as an aid to his father and later on his own account. Eventually he became the owner of a fine farm at Bemus Point, which remains in his possession up to the present time and which he has ever since operated with a high degree of success, his hard work and progressive methods having rewarded him with the finest type of farm products. Mr. Cheney is a Republican in politics and has always taken a keen interest in the questions and issues of the day, local and general, although the amount of time and energy he has necessarily spent upon his farm has made it impossible for him to take much part in public affairs. He is a member of Union Grange of Jamestown, N. Y.

Morris P. Cheney was united in marriage, Oct. 26, 1887, in Ellery township, with Anna Weaver, like himself a native of that place, her birth occurring Sept. 25, 1861, a daughter of Samuel and Eveline (Lazell) Weaver. Mr. and Mrs. Cheney are the parents of three children, as follows: 1. Gerald G., born May 3, 1893; enlisted in the National army, July 24, 1917, and after seeing nearly two years of service was discharged March 31, 1919; married Berenice Hoyt, July 24, 1920. 2. Ruth L., born July 29, 1895, married, Sept. 15, 1919, F. W. Skillman, of Ellery. 3. Hazel E., born May 2, 1898.

**ALEXANDER HUDSON BROWN**—The Browns of this review have long been settled in the village of Fluvanna, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Alexander H., and his father, Alexander Sherman Brown, both being born there. Farming was his family occupation, and there was little of excitement or novelty in his life until the great World War claimed Clifford R., son of Alexander H. Brown, and lauded him on foreign soil with the 77th Division, American Expeditionary Forces. The world has read of how Col. Charles W. Whittlesey and his "Lost Battalion" fought for five days in the forest of Benarville northwest of Verdun while the Germans were all about them. The tale of the deliverance of this battalion after it had lost half of its seven hundred men and had suffered tortures from hunger and thirst, is one of the thrilling stories of the war. It is mentioned here because Clifford R. Brown, the Chautauqua soldier, was one of the two men who got through the German line and brought news to the Americans of their beleaguered comrades.

Alexander Hudson Brown, son of Alexander Sherman and Sarah Melvina (Hudson) Brown, was born in Fluvanna, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Jan. 5, 1871. He attended the public schools of the district and of Jamestown, beginning his active life as a farmer while yet a school boy. He has followed that occupation all his life, but is now living at his home in the town of Harmony. Mr. Brown is a Republican in politics, a member of the Patrons of Husbandry, and of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Brown married, in Jamestown, Dec. 27, 1893, Eva A. Rhodes, born in the town of Ellery, March 28, 1874, daughter of Ambrose and Jennie (Robins)

Rhodes, her father born in Saratoga county, her mother in Steuben county, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are the parents of five children: 1. Alexander M., born July 6, 1894. 2. Clifford R., born Jan. 9, 1896; entered the army under the selective tests, Feb. 20, 1918, was assigned to Company C, 308th Regiment of Infantry, reported at New York, April 6, was sent overseas, was in the trenches June 20, and later distinguished himself by bringing messages of the "Lost Battalion" through the German line; he returned to his home safely. 3. Willis E., born March 17, 1897. 4. Mabel E., born May 28, 1902. 5. Maud E., born Dec. 30, 1907.

**AZRO C. BUSH**, one of the leading farmers of the Conewango Valley district of Chautauqua county, N. Y., and a man of commendable record in both private and business life, is a native of the county, and has farmed within a short distance of his birthplace throughout practically the whole of his years of manhood. And he has risen to substantial means mainly by his own consistent and persistent efforts.

He was born in Ellington, Chautauqua county, N. Y., in November, 1853, the son of Lyman and Eliza A. (Crofoot) Bush, and in the public schools of that place he passed his early years of schooling. When his school days ended, indeed in all probability much before then, he applied himself energetically to farm work upon his father's farm. Ultimately, he took a farm for himself, married, and steadily prospered. Politically a Republican, he has not taken much part in political movements, that is, those that had no direct bearing upon local conditions, but he has always taken a keen interest in the public movements in his own district, and in those at times took active part. Had he wished, he might have held public office in the local administration. Such, however, was not his inclination, although he was ever ready to give aid, personal or financial, to any worthy local project. He and his wife in their younger days took appreciable part in the church and social functions of the community.

Mr. Bush is a member of the local Grange, and by religious conviction is a Methodist, as such, during the long period of his membership, he has been of appreciable aid in its functioning and maintenance. And during the recent war, he proved himself to be a whole-hearted patriot in more ways than one; he was a substantial subscriber to the several funds raised for the prosecution of the war, and in matters of production upon his own farm he aided the government to the limit of his strength in its endeavor to bring all land into profitable bearing, if that were possible, and so create a substantial surplus of foodstuffs over our needs to aid in the sustenance of the famishing peoples of Europe, whose lands had been impoverished and whose man-power had been depleted by the years of devastating strife. In preventing waste, and seeking to increase yields upon their own individual farms, the American farmers accomplished much; in fact, the aggregate American harvests of 1917 and 1918 had much to do with the final victorious outcome of the war, and although the part of the individual farmer might to him have appeared insignificant in so great a struggle, he was forced to change his mind when he saw what, in

the aggregate, the agricultural effort of America accomplished.

Mr. Bush followed the progress of the war from day to day with the whole-hearted interest of a true patriot, and was glad to have had some, even if only a minor part in the great national effort. Had he been younger, his part would necessarily have been a more prominent one, but not so far as interest and desire went.

Mr. Bush married, Sept. 19, 1878, in Ellington, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Ida, daughter of Lorenzo M. and Caroline M. (Hoag) Day. She was born in Ellington, April 19, 1859, and came of an old Chautauqua county family. To Azro C. and Ida (Day) Bush were born two children: Carrie E., born Nov. 23, 1884; Bert D., born April 14, 1892. Their daughter, Carrie E., married Irvin Cross, and became the mother of Ida C. Cross, born Sept. 2, 1905.

In stability of character and resolute application to honest labor, which in his younger days was harder and accompanied by the discouragements of money scarcity, Mr. Bush has an estimable record; in Christian endeavor and neighborly interest, his years have been well spent, and have brought good return in Christian strength and strong friendships; and in wholesomeness of private life his record is enviable.

**CHARLES D. CLEMENT**—Fifty-three years ago George W. Clement, father of Charles D. Clement, bought a farm of 132 acres on lot 8, town of Villenova, Chautauqua county, N. Y., upon which his son resides, although its acres have now increased to 164. Mr. Clement is of Scotch ancestry, son of George W. and Alceste (Day) Clement, and maternal grandson of Horace Day, born in West Springfield, Mass.

Charles D. Clement was born in the town of Stockton, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Sept. 29, 1860, but in 1867 his father bought a farm of 132 acres in Villenova, and there the life of Charles D. Clement has been largely passed. His father died when he was thirteen years old and until he was twenty-one he assisted his mother on the farm and then bought it. He has largely added to its area and greatly improved it. Mr. Clement is a Republican in politics, a member of Hanover Lodge, No. 152, Free and Accepted Masons. In 1912-13-14-15-16-17, Mr. Clement represented Villenova on the Chautauqua County Board of Supervisors. In 1918-19 he was out of office, but is now (1920) serving the fourth term, a record length of service for Villenova.

Mr. Clement married in Hamlet, town of Villenova, Nov. 20, 1892, Franteelia Wood, born Oct. 28, 1871, in Leon, Cattaraugus county, N. Y., daughter of Joseph F. Wood, born in Collins, Erie county, N. Y., and his wife, Margaret (Warner) Wood, born in East Bern, Albany county, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Clement are the parents of four children: Lilan M., born Dec. 11, 1894; George W., born Jan. 19, 1896; Lucy, born Oct. 1, 1898; and Gifford D., born Sept. 24, 1903.

**ERIE RAY CRANDALL**, who gives promise of becoming a successful agriculturist, and has done well during the last five or six years in the cultivation of a farming property he owns in Kennedy, Chautauqua

county, N. Y., is a native of the county, and has settled down early in life to the resolute task of strong, independent, self-reliant manhood. He has manifested much of the stalwart traits of his forbears; he has taken to agricultural occupations not of necessity but from choice; he was the head of a family when only twenty-three years old; and thus early in life he took upon himself the responsibilities of independent farming. And the consistent steadiness and energy with which he has applied himself to farming operations since his marriage have stamped him as a man who will gain a worthy reputation for integrity, material and moral, and who will in due time take his place among the representative and successful farm owners of Chautauqua county, N. Y.

Erie Ray Crandall was born in Kennedy, Chautauqua county, N. Y., April 27, 1892, the son of Ray G. and Bertha R. (Cornall) Crandall. His father is well known among agriculturists, being an extensive cattle buyer, and also a man of some prominence in the public affairs of the Kennedy district of Chautauqua county. As a boy Erie R. Crandall attended the public schools of his native place, and afterwards entered the Jamestown High School, from which he creditably graduated with the class of 1911. After leaving school, he took to agricultural tasks with energetic intelligence, and has become well versed in modern methods, some of which he has introduced into his own farm management. He is an active member of the Grange, but up to the present has not manifested a definite inclination to enter keenly into political activities. By religious conviction he is a Methodist, and has given indication that he possesses a consistent earnestness in matters pertaining to the church.

Mr. Crandall married, Jan. 22, 1914, Mildred Rea Williams, who was born in Kennedy, May 20, 1894, and comes of a family long resident in Chautauqua county; in fact, both of her parents, Stanley A. and Gertrude (Harris) Williams, were also born in Kennedy. Mr. and Mrs. Crandall are the parents of two children: Robert S., born Dec. 31, 1915; Philip Stanley, born Aug. 31, 1918. Both were born in Kennedy, with which place the family has so many associations. Mr. and Mrs. Crandall enter heartily into the activities, social and religious, of the community, and are generally popular, being useful, substantial, and entertaining members of the community, hospitably inclined.

**BENJAMIN BREADS**—The farmers of Chautauqua county have played a very important part in the development of this region, and this is especially true in the case of Benjamin Breads, who holds a high place in the esteem of his fellowmen hereabouts. Benjamin Breads was born in the town of Marcy, Oneida county, N. Y., Aug. 19, 1845, a son of William and Sarah (Simms) Breads.

He received his education in the district schools of his native place, and assisted his father during his spare time with the work upon the farm. The elder man was the owner of 200 acres of excellent farm property and in addition to the cultivation of this place Mr. Breads was also engaged in the cutting and selling of timber. He remained with his father for some little



time, and in 1869, in partnership with his brothers, William and Joseph Breads, built a saw mill which they operated until 1878 with considerable success. In the latter year they sold the saw mill and Mr. Breads engaged on his own account in business as a blacksmith and wagon builder, being successful from the outset in this enterprise. Mr. Breads, up to the present, still retains a fond affection for farming and is the owner of a splendid farm, consisting of thirty acres, and has built a charming residence on this property, where he now resides.

Benjamin Breads is very prominent in the social and club life of Westfield, and is a member of Sherman Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of the local Grange, of which he is past master. In politics he is a Republican and ardently supports the principles and policies of this party. Mr. Breads has served as a justice of the peace here since 1883, a period of more than twenty-five years. He has one brother living, Joseph, who is a twin brother of Mr. Breads, and is mentioned elsewhere in this work.

Benjamin Breads married (first) Dec. 14, 1871, at Rouseville, Pa., Ada Madden, a resident of Cleveland, and to them one child was born, Bert Breads, who is now a farmer at Ripley. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Breads married (second) Aug. 18, 1886, Polly Fox, a native of Westfield. She was a daughter of Francis and Eleanor (Payne) Fox, old and highly respected residents of this place. Of this second marriage one son was born, Fred, who is engaged in farming at Mayville, and married Grace Pasker.

**WILLIAM WARD CRICK**—In the town of Kiantone, in the southern part of Chautauqua county, N. Y., the Crick family first made their home on coming to the county, and there Adelbert Crick was born and spent his life, a farmer. He married Margaret Seekings, born in England, and among their children was a son, William W. Crick, born in Kiantone, May 9, 1884, and there educated in the public schools. He was reared on the farm, but later moved to Jamestown, where he holds a good position, his home in Busti, where he owns a good property, well improved with buildings and orchards. He is a member of the school board of his district, and takes a lively interest in community affairs. He is a Republican in politics, and a member of the Protestant Episcopal church.

Mr. Crick married, in Jamestown, July 1, 1908, Ada Crossley, born in Bradford, England, daughter of William and Margaret (Robinson) Crossley. Mr. and Mrs. Crick are the parents of three children: Luther William, born Feb. 7, 1910; Ruth Alice, born Oct. 22, 1912; Clyde Adelbert, born March 31, 1915, died Dec. 8, 1920.

**ERNEST PALMER CROSS**, who resides on his farm located about three-quarters of a mile from the village of Niobe, and who is one of the substantial men of his section of Chautauqua county, is a son of Ambrose Cross, who has been a justice of the peace for nearly thirty years, and who is living in Panama, Chautauqua county, N. Y., at the present time (1920).

Ernest Palmer Cross was born on the home farm in the town of Harmony, Chautauqua county, N. Y., April

16, 1868. He was educated in the district school, and early became his father's farm assistant. After coming to man's estate, he adopted agriculture as his life work and is the owner of a fine farm near the village of Niobe, upon which, in 1915, he built his present residence and the same year erected a barn, these improvements greatly enhancing the appearance and value of the property. Mr. Cross is a Republican in politics, and at the present time is serving in the capacity of superintendent of roads. He is a member of the Patrons of Husbandry and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Mr. Cross married, at Niobe, N. Y., Oct. 14, 1891, Lena Gertrude Daniels, born Feb. 10, 1871, daughter of John M. and Martha Lucinda (Ayling) Daniels.

**FRANK A. CHASE**, who follows general farming on section 23, Charlotte township, has a rich and arable tract of land of 139 acres, which is well improved and valuable, and is engaged thereon in stock raising and dairying. He thoroughly understands his work in every department, and so directs his energies by sound judgment that his efforts are being attended with very creditable success. Mr. Chase was born in Cherry Creek township, May 8, 1867, a son of Charles P. and Ellen (Barnum) Chase.

Stephen Chase, great-grandfather of Frank A. Chase, was the first of the name in Chautauqua county, N. Y. He married Bertha Mathewson, and they had issue.

George Chase, son of Stephen and Bertha (Mathewson) Chase, was born Aug. 9, 1799. He was a farmer in Villenova township, and spent his entire life here. He married Abigail Smith and they had issue.

Charles P. Chase, son of George and Abigail (Smith) Chase, was born in the town of Villenova, Jan. 31, 1832, and there grew to manhood. He assisted his father upon the farm until he moved to Cherry Creek township, where he spent the remainder of his life on his farm. He died July 24, 1879, and is buried in the Villenova Cemetery, at Villenova, Chautauqua county. Politically he was a Republican, and was a member of that party since casting his first presidential vote. He married, Dec. 25, 1860, at Cherry Creek, Ellen Barnum, born July 5, 1845, died Feb. 6, 1892, a daughter of Azor and Abigail (Warner) Barnum. To this union were born six children, as follows: 1. George E., born Oct. 31, 1862, who is a musician and makes violins; he resides at Celoron, N. Y.; he married Laura Culver. 2. Martha A., born June 28, 1865, married Aaron Essex; she is now a widow residing at Hanover. 3. Frank A., see forward. 4. Lillie E., born July 29, 1869, died Feb. 9, 1871. 5. Charles A., born April 29, 1872; married Maud Town; resides in Durkirk, N. Y. 6. Rose E., born Sept. 12, 1876, died April 17, 1919; married (first) Charles Brown, (second) George Hill.

Frank A. Chase, whose name is the caption of this article, received his early education in the district schools of Cherry Creek township, where he grew to manhood. After completing his course of study, he assisted his father in his agricultural business until he removed to Charlotte township and engaged in business for himself. He purchased the old Garrett Wheeler farm of about ninety-five acres, where he now resides, and some time later purchased the adjoining farm of about forty-four acres, which makes about 139 acres,



which represents one of the best farms of Charlotte township, and which is operated by Mr. Chase.

Mr. Chase married, Feb. 24, 1800, Gertrude F. Chase, daughter of Frank M. and Mary R. (Harvey) Chase, and the niece of Albert N. Chase, whose biography appears upon other pages of these volumes. To this union have been born two children: 1. Berle H., born May 4, 1891, married Ada L. Christie. 2. Child, born May 19, 1899, died at birth. Mr. and Mrs. Chase are members of the Charlotte Center Grange, No. 600. Politically Mr. Chase is a staunch Democrat, and is an ardent upholder of that party's principles.

Mr. Chase has long been a resident of Charlotte township, witnessing much of its growth and progress as the years have gone by, and he belongs to that class of substantial citizens who are active in promoting material progress and upholding the intellectual and moral status of the community.

**JAMES CULVER**, for many years one of the prominent figures in the general life of Bemus Point, Chautauqua county, N. Y., where he is engaged in business as a blacksmith and dealer in farming implements, is a native of the township of Ellery, where his birth occurred Oct. 23, 1865. He is a son of James Culver, Sr., a native of Warren county, N. Y., and of Hannah (Winchester) Culver, who was born in Ellery township. James Culver, Sr., was for many years a blacksmith here and did a large trade in the neighborhood, making himself one of the substantial citizens of the place. Mr. Culver's paternal grandfather was also a resident of the region, and was well known in his day.

James Culver passed his childhood at his father's home in Ellery township, and attended the common schools there for his education. Upon completing his studies the young man, following in his father's footsteps, took up the trade of blacksmith, and eventually succeeded to the place held by the latter for so many years. As time went on, Mr. Culver began the sale of agricultural implements, at first on a small scale, but later, as his reputation became larger and the community grew in size, he devoted much of his time and attention to this side of the business. He has been exceedingly successful in this enterprise and his success has been due entirely to his own indefatigable and intelligent industry and to the knowledge, shared by all his fellow townsmen, of his absolute integrity and fair dealing. Mr. Culver is a conspicuous figure in the social and fraternal life of the town, and is a member of Peacock Lodge, No. 696, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of Mayville, which he joined in the year 1911. In politics he is a Democrat and strongly supports his party in this region, although his business activities have prevented him from taking so active a part in public affairs as his talents and grasp of practical affairs well fit him for. He is a Methodist and strongly supports his party in this region, although his business activities have prevented him from taking so active a part in public affairs as his talents and grasp of practical affairs well fit him for. He is a Methodist and strongly supports his party in this region, although his business activities have prevented him from taking so active a part in public affairs as his talents and grasp of practical affairs well fit him for.

James Culver was united in marriage, Dec. 9, 1891, at Jamestown, N. Y., with Grace A. Hays, a native of Ellery township, born Aug. 22, 1871, a daughter of John B. and Laura A. (Hull) Hays, the former a native of Connecticut and the latter of New York City. To Mr.

and Mrs. Culver two children have been born, as follows: Clayburn J., born April 6, 1893; and Clara H., born Aug. 5, 1898.

**LUTHER LAKE CROSS, JR.**—The farming and dairying interests of Charlotte township have a worthy representative in Luther Lake Cross, Jr., who is the owner of a fine farm on section 45. It is a well improved place. Luther Lake Cross, Jr., was born on the homestead farm where he now resides, July 9, 1881, a son of Luther Lake Cross, Sr., and Fanna Amelia (Tarlox) Cross.

Alonzo Cross (grandfather), the pioneer in Charlotte township, came from Hamilton county, N. Y., to Chautauqua county, N. Y., and settled in Charlotte township. Here he purchased a tract of land on section 45 and engaged in the farming and stock raising business. He continued in this occupation for some time and then accepted a position as mail carrier from Charlotte Center to Sinclairville, in which position he remained until his demise. Alonzo Cross married Amelia Lake, who was born in Charlotte township, a daughter of Luther Lake, pioneer settler of Chautauqua county. To this union were born five children: Luther Lake, of whom further; Delvina, married ——— Walkins, and resided in Michigan; Helen, married William Moore, and resided in Michigan; Sylvester, who resided in Sinclairville; Emma, who married Homer Tarbox, and resided in Rochester, N. Y.; Corwin, who resided in Sinclairville and Philadelphia, and now lives in Jamestown, N. Y.

Luther Lake Cross (father), a son of Alonzo and Amelia (Lake) Cross, was born on the homestead farm in Charlotte township, April 24, 1837. He was educated in the public schools of his native village, and after laying aside his text books took up the occupation of farming and dairying on his father's farm. He soon made many improvements on the old homestead, and Mr. Cross built the present house. Mr. Cross, Sr., was also very prominent in social circles as well as business circles, being a member of the Grange. On March 9, 1860, Mr. Cross, Sr., was united in marriage with Fanna Amelia Tarlox, born in Chautauqua county, N. Y., a daughter of Win and Sarah (Wood) Tarlox. To Mr. and Mrs. Cross were born four children, as follows: 1. Ruby, born March 14, 1868; she was educated in the public schools of Charlotte township, and after taking a course in the Fredonia Normal School accepted a position as teacher in the public schools of her native village; she married Clarence Bushnell. 2. Anna Belle, born Oct. 20, 1876; married F. D. Bumpus, of Sinclairville. 3. Agnes S., born Aug. 16, 1879; married Burt Chase. 4. Luther Lake, Jr., of whom further.

Luther Lake Cross, Jr., whose name heads this review, received his early education in the district schools of his township. He completed the work of the high school and then finished with a course at the Normal School. He afterwards engaged in teaching, which profession he followed for fourteen years in Charlotte township, Ellery and Stockton. In 1909 he discontinued his teaching in order to help manage his father's farm. This occupation he continued until the death of his father, when he assumed full charge of his agricultural business.

continuing in same to the present time. Mr. Cross, Jr., supports the Republican party in politics, and is a member of Grange No. 669, of which he was master for the term of two years. He is also a member of the Farm Bureau and Dairymen's League of Chautauqua county.

On Aug. 5, 1914, Mr. Cross, Jr., was united in marriage with Maria S. Young, a daughter of Milo Young. She was born in Steamburg, Cattaraugus county, N. Y. To this union has been born one daughter, Katherine Lake, born Jan. 29, 1917.

Mr. Cross is a valuable addition to the township, because he is a man of energy, who is always found on the side of right and progress, and who coöperates in all measures for the general good and benefit of his community.

**JAMES E. DARROW**—Cornelius Darrow, father of James E. Darrow, was born in Herkimer county, N. Y. He came to Chautauqua county, N. Y., and settled in the town of Harmony, where he engaged in farming, and followed his trade of shoemaker, being an expert in that line. He married Lucinda Tillotson, and among their children was a son, James E., now (1920) a carpenter and farmer of the village of Lakewood, Chautauqua county.

James E. Darrow was born in the town of Harmony, Chautauqua county, N. Y., July 16, 1847, and there attended public school and learned the carpenter's trade. He married, in the village of Panama, Chautauqua county, N. Y., March 11, 1874, Julia Bugbee, born in Harmony, Feb. 6, 1857, daughter of Joseph Bugbee, born in Panama, and his wife Lucy (Edwards) Bugbee, born in Skaneateles, N. Y. In 1894 Mr. Darrow built the house in Lakewood in which he now lives. Mr. and Mrs. Darrow are the parents of six children. 1. Wilton J., born March 14, 1876, a civil engineer. 2. Lynn Stephen, born Dec. 19, 1877, an agriculturist. 3. Floyd L., born June 2, 1880, teacher in Brooklyn Polytechnic School, and author, his best known work "The Boys' Own Book of Great Inventions." 4. John A., born May 20, 1882, a physician. 5. Lucy M., born June 27, 1888; a librarian. 6. Wayne H., born April 12, 1894; engaged in government agricultural extension work.

**FRED CLINTON DAVIS**—Davis is a name found in Chautauqua county from the earliest years, Ebenezer Davis being the first clerk of the town of Ellicott and the first person of the Baptist faith baptized in Stillwater creek at Aken's bridge in the town of Ellicott, now Kiantone. He came to the county in 1812, and was baptized in 1818. This branch settled in the town of Busti, where Clinton Davis, a stock dealer and liveryman, was born. He married Cynthia Ann Davis, and at the time of the birth of their son, Fred Clinton Davis, were living in Tidioute, Pa. Fred C. Davis reverted to the occupation of his forefathers, and since 1906 has been a prosperous landowner and dairy farmer of the town of Busti, his farm of 140 acres being a part of section 34.

Fred Clinton Davis was born in Tidioute, Pa., Aug. 16, 1880. He obtained a good education in the public schools. He early began farming, and by industry and

thrift was enabled in 1906 to purchase the farm in Busti upon which he now (1920) lives. He maintains a herd of twenty-five cows, from which he derives a goodly income, this in addition to his general farming operations. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and a Republican in politics.

Mr. Davis married, in Lakewood, N. Y., Jan. 27, 1904, Effie May Winch, born May 17, 1881, in Lakewood, daughter of Joel H. and Eliza A. (Faichney) Winch, her father born in Vermont, her mother in Sugar Grove, Pa.

**ARDEN KIRKLAND DENN**—Lorenzo Hollis Denn, born in Walworth, Wayne county, N. Y., was brought to Chautauqua county, N. Y., by his parents, and settled on a farm. He bought a farm of his own and Arden K. Denn has the farm that was passed to him by his grandfather, Elias Becker.

Arden K. Denn, son of Lorenzo H. and Helma Estella (Becker) Denn, was born at the homestead in Busti, Chautauqua county, N. Y., May 23, 1887. He was educated in the public schools, including a two years' course in the Jamestown High School. He then began farming on his own account. He owns and cultivates the farm in Busti bought by his grandfather, and there conducts general farming operations, but maintains a dairy herd of cattle. He is a member of Mt. Tabor Lodge, No. 780, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Jamestown, is a member of the Baptist church, and in politics is an independent. He belongs to the Patrons of Husbandry and is much interested in Grange affairs.

Mr. Denn married, Feb. 11, 1910, in Busti, Florence Esther Andrews, born July 11, 1881, daughter of Earl D. and Blanche (Reed) Andrews, all born in Busti. Mr. and Mrs. Denn are the parents of three children: Eleanor Blanche, born March 17, 1912; Lloyd Loren, born Aug. 19, 1913; Marguerite Helena, born March 27, 1915.

**ERNEST BARKER DYE**—The earliest recollection Mr. Dye has of life pertains to a Chautauqua county farm, and now in the full prime of life he is head of an agricultural business, conducted on his own splendid farm in the town and county of his birth. He has, however, added stock breeding to his general farming operations and is one of the well known breeders of Holstein cattle. He is a son of Elisha and Ann Eliza Dye, his father a farmer.

Ernest B. Dye was born in the town of Villenova, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Sept. 11, 1867, and is yet (1920) an honored resident of that town. He was educated in the public schools, his courses including high and normal school. He choose agriculture as his business and has been very successful, and he is one of the substantial farmers and stock breeders of his town. He specializes in Holstein cattle and has in his herd the best butter-producing cow in the county. His farm, located in section 34, is well improved and bespeaks the modern farmer of enterprise and thrift. He is a member of the Masonic order and the Patrons of Husbandry, and is highly regarded by his brethren of both orders.

Mr. Dye married, Oct. 9, 1894, in the town of Cherry Creek, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Alta Rood, daughter of George Wilson and Rose (Farrington) Rood, her

father a successful farmer and landowner of Cherry Creek. Mr. and Mrs. Dye are the parents of a son, Harold R. Dye, born June 7, 1898, and a daughter, Pauline R., born June 19, 1904.

**FREDERICK A. FARGO**—One of the prominent farmers of Chautauqua county, N. Y., and a well known citizen of Kennedy, where he has made his home for many years, is Frederick A. Fargo, a native of the town of Poland, N. Y., born July 31, 1852. Mr. Fargo is a son of O. A. and Louisa (Tucker) Fargo, the former for many years a successful farmer of this region.

Frederick A. Fargo received his education at the public schools of Poland, and later attended the Jamestown High School, from which he was graduated in the year 1870. Upon completing his studies at the last named institution, he engaged for a time in the profession of teaching, and for nine years followed this calling in the Chautauqua county schools. Since that time he has followed the occupation of farming with a notable degree of success, and his place now is regarded as one of the model farms of the region. In addition to his agricultural activities, Mr. Fargo occupies a prominent place in the general life of the community, and is well known as a leading member of the Republican party hereabouts. He is a member of the lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, which he joined in the year 1905, and of Kennedy Grange, and also belongs to Chautauqua County Pomona Grange, and New York State Grange. In his religious belief Mr. Fargo is a Methodist and attends the Methodist Episcopal church at Kennedy.

Frederick A. Fargo was united in marriage, Sept. 26, 1877, at Jamestown, with Martinette Youker, a daughter of George W. and Maria (Warren) Youker, and they are the parents of the following children: Roy L. and Florence M., now deceased, and Ray W., living at home.

**GEORGE WILLIAM FRANCIS**, prosperous farmer of the Mayville section of the county, and representative of the successful agriculturists of Chautauqua county, N. Y., was born in the county, and has lived within its borders during his entire lifetime.

He was born Oct. 15, 1855, on a farm within six miles of the one upon which he has lived for the last thirty years, and his parents, Joseph and Mary (Brown) Francis, had both long been residents in the county. He was educated in the district school nearest to his native place, and when his school days were over, he took resolutely to farming occupations, working on his father's farm until he had reached the age of twenty-seven years, when, in 1880, he acquired the agricultural property upon which he has since lived. It is a rich farm of ninety-five acres, adapted to general farming and dairying. It is equipped with fine buildings, and Mr. Francis has considerable stock. Altogether, it is a holding that yields good return for labor invested. Mr. Francis belongs to the Grange at Mayville, and politically is a Republican, although he has not taken much part in political affairs. He has preferred the steadiness of return from honest farm labor to the emoluments of public office.

On April 14, 1892, George William Francis was married to Lois E. Ralph, of Hartsville, Chautauqua county, N. Y. They have three children: 1. Florence, who received her academic education in the Mayville schools, later taking a course of commercial study in the Jamestown Business College, having purposed embarking upon a business career; she, however, married Lee Barrett. 2. Mildred, who was educated in Mayville schools, and married Harold Hamilton; they have one child, Roger. 3. Pauline, also educated at Mayville schools; married George Sheller; they are the parents of one child, Arline.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis are earnest, sincere Christians, interested community workers, and hospitable neighbors. During the war Mr. Francis gave of his substance loyally to the various funds raised to promote the war purposes. And by personal labor upon his farm he did still more to aid in the final triumph which came. The vital necessity for increased yield of foodstuffs from American agricultural lands, to offset the ravages of war in the countries of the allies of this nation, was heeded by earnest American agriculturists, and the resulting abnormal yields during the years of European famine had an appreciable part in the decisive victory won, and that part has been adequately noted in proper place in the national historical records. But the individual part played by the American farmer should also be noted, for historical record, of the days when whole nations, not only armies, fought, and those who lived and loyally worked through those days should treasure their individual records.

**MILTON ALFRED HALE**—Mrs. Ellen Y. Griffith, now a second time widowed, and a resident of the town of Ellery, Chautauqua county, N. Y., is a daughter of Milton Alfred and Ariett (Arnold) Hale, and granddaughter of Elijah Ensign Hale, an early blacksmith of the county, and his wife, Eliza Ann Hale, both born in Massachusetts. The Hale family of Ellery date back to early Colonial days in New England, they tracing descent from Robert Hale, who arrived in Cambridge, Mass., in 1632.

Milton Alfred Hale, son of Elijah E. Hale, the blacksmith, was born April 21, 1831, and spent the active years of his life engaged in farming, and working at his trade, blacksmithing, which he learned from his father, and at which he was an expert. He was a member of the Christian church, and of the Patrons of Husbandry. Milton A. Hale married, in the town of Ellery, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Feb. 9, 1858, Ariett Arnold, born in Ellery, Oct. 20, 1836, daughter of Thomas and Harriet (Griffith) Arnold, the former born in Ellery, the latter in Busti, Chautauqua county, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Hale were the parents of a daughter, Ellen Y., and a son, William, mentioned below.

Ellen Y. Hale, born Dec. 24, 1858, married (first) Anton Yorker, who died Jan. 15, 1904. She married (second) Sackett Griffith, who died Feb. 14, 1914.

William Hale, born April 20, 1861, married, March 10, 1886, Chestina Bedient, and they have four children, three daughters, Kate, Gertrude and Ruth, all born Oct. 16, but in different years, and Alfred, the only son, born Jan. 10, 1896, enlisted Nov. 2, 1917, went overseas. May



27, 1918, and served with the American Expeditionary Forces until the return of his division to the United States, when he was honorably discharged, May 22, 1919; he is now engaged in farming.

**CARL S. HARVEY**—The occupation of farming has received a new impetus during the last decade through the great addition of theoretical knowledge gained by modern science in regard to the special adaptability of soils to certain products and the rotation of crops, and many of the younger agriculturists in this country have secured splendid results by a judicious use of this knowledge combined with the practical experience of their predecessors. Nowhere has this movement been more apparent nor is success more complete than in the farming sections of Western New York, and especially in Chautauqua county, where the intelligent and enterprising character of the men engaged in this line of work has given it a strong impetus. Among the most progressive and successful of the younger men a conspicuous figure is that of Carl S. Harvey, of Bemus Point, Ellery township, whose achievement in general farming has merited attention. Mr. Harvey comes of good old farming stock, being a son of Oscar and Ada (Spalding) Harvey, the former a native of Crawford county, Pa., and the latter of Cattaraugus county, N. Y.

Carl S. Harvey was born in the town of Randolph, N. Y., Nov. 12, 1880, and it was there that his childhood was passed in attending the local common schools and assisting his father on the latter's place. He thus gained a wide practical knowledge of farming methods at an early age, and upon completing his studies he at once took up agriculture as his permanent work. In this he has met with notable success and has now established a reputation as one of the successful men of the region. He is also well known in the fraternal circles of the community, and is a member of Maccabee Tent, No. 9. In religious belief he is affiliated with the United Brethren church.

Carl S. Harvey was united in marriage, Nov. 2, 1902, at Falconer, N. Y., with Anna Simmons, a native of Ellery township, born Aug. 4, 1884, a daughter of Orvin and Sabra (Tracy) Simmons, old and highly respected residents of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey are the parents of two children, as follows: Kenneth, born July 26, 1905, and Mildred, born Nov. 12, 1907.

**EDGAR MONTGOMERY HAYNER**, progressive and prosperous farmer of Ripley, Chautauqua county, N. Y., comes of an old Chautauqua county family, long resident in Mina, where his father, Phillip P. Hayner, had a farming property, and also was in business as a painter and decorator.

Edgar M. Hayner was born in Mina, son of Phillip P. and Jane (Gill) Hayner, the former, however, living only for two years after the birth of his son. In the district school nearest to his home Edgar M. and his sister, who is now Mrs. Liza Dane, of Mina, were educated and in that neighborhood the young man first took to the serious tasks of life. Since he left school, he has farmed practically all his years, and eventually bought the farm of fifty acres he now occupies in Ripley township, from George Scott. He has conducted it

as a general and dairy farm, and has made many improvements; in fact, the farm, as it now is, is in first rate condition, with all modern improvements, having a substantial commodious house and a new barn. Mr. Hayner is an industrious and intelligent farmer, and has had good success. Politically, he is a Democrat, but has never taken very active part in politics, that is in national politics. He has taken good part in local public affairs, but has never sought office. He has been a member of the Ripley Grange for many years, and has always been interested in everything that pertains to agriculture, and has been ever ready to help on any community project that promised well. He has been a good citizen, a hospitable neighbor, and a substantial, steady producer, and as such has contributed to the progress of the county. He is very well known and highly respected in the Ripley district.

On Oct. 11, 1882, Mr. Hayner married Lizzic Fuller, daughter of Daniel and Mary (Linden) Fuller, of Ripley. To them have been born three children: 1. Herman Daniel, a sketch of whom follows. 2. Jessie, who married ——— Bowen, a substantial farmer of Ripley. 3. Morris Philip, who now lives at North East, Pa.

During the recent World War, when all patriotic citizens were able to do something for the cause, Mr. Hayner manifested his patriotism in a practical way, by attending closely to his farming, by endeavoring to prevent waste and to bring into cultivation every possible acre upon his farm, so as to advance the object of the government, which was to bring such a yield of foodstuffs from American soil that the threatened exhaustion of the nations allied to our own in the world struggle would be circumvented by the shipment of abnormal quantities of foodstuffs from this country. To what extent American foodstuffs contributed to the successful termination of the war is now generally known; and thanks have collectively been given by the national administration to American farmers, as a class. And each farmer who contributed to that result is entitled to individual record of his participation. Mr. Hayner also, to the limit of his means, contributed to the enormous funds raised by the government and national agencies for the purposes of the war. He has always been a liberal supporter of church and charitable work within his community, and in other parts of the county, and his long life in the county has been one of commendable steadiness and productive effort.

**HERMAN DANIEL HAYNER**—Here is a man who answers completely to the description conveyed so graphically in the words, "a hustling young farmer." In a community in which many men of the latter generation deserve to be so designated, Mr. Hayner must be numbered among those most richly meriting the title in Ripley.

Herman Daniel Hayner was born May 2, 1885, in Ripley, and is a son of Edgar M. and Lizzie (Fuller) Hayner, both of whom are living, Mr. Hayner being still engaged in farming. Herman Daniel Hayner was educated in Ripley village and district schools, and from early youth has devoted himself to agricultural pursuits. In 1908 he purchased the farm on which he is now living, and which consists of seventy acres. Mr. Hayner has



improved the farm to a considerable extent, having rebuilt the barn on a larger scale, and also constructed spacious and commodious chicken houses and other similar buildings. He has a fine orchard. About thirty-five acres of the estate consist of ploughed land and he has good pasture and woodland as well as much of the original timber. In national politics Mr. Hayner is a Prohibitionist, and in local matters votes with the Republicans. He affiliates with no lodges, being thoroughly a home man.

Mr. Hayner married, Sept. 2, 1908, Anna, daughter of Robert and Sarah (Russell) Reid, of Westfield, and soon after moved to his present farm. Mr. and Mrs. Hayner are the parents of five children: Bernice, Robert, Beulah, Blanche and Ross; three are in school. Mrs. Hayner is a member of the Grange.

Among the many noteworthy features of Mr. Hayner's farm is the live stock, which includes three horses, seven cows, seven hogs and 175 chickens. On the possession of these, as well as on the numerous improvements which he has made on his estate, inasmuch as they are the results of the sagacity and enterprise of a self-made man who has already accomplished much and who will, undoubtedly, achieve more in the years to come, Mr. Hayner is most sincerely to be congratulated.

**FREDERIC CHARLES HAYWARD** was born in the town of Harmony, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Sept. 13, 1866, and there attended the district public school.

In 1896 Mr. Hayward began working the fifty-acre farm in the town of Harmony, on which he has since resided, and which became his by purchase in 1900. He is a member of the Patrons of Husbandry; is a Prohibitionist, and his occupation has always been that of farming. Mr. Hayward is now fifty-four years old, and is the son of Levi Marcus Hayward, born in Rensselaer county, N. Y., and Emily (Weir) Hayward, born in Washington county, N. Y., both deceased. Levi M. Hayward was a Union veteran, his military service extending over three years of the Civil War period, who, with his bride, came to Westfield, Chautauqua county, N. Y., on their wedding journey and in the fall of 1865 settled on a farm in the town of Harmony.

Frederic C. Hayward married, in Westfield, N. Y., Jan. 15, 1890, Sarah Jane Seawright, born July 15, 1867, in the town of Portland, Chautauqua county, N. Y. Mrs. Hayward is the daughter of Samuel and Susan (Finley) Seawright, both of whom were born in Ireland and came to Westfield, N. Y., before the Civil War. Mr. and Mrs. Hayward are the parents of a daughter, Hazel M., born in Harmony, N. Y., Sept. 16, 1894.

**JOHN D. HERRICK**, prosperous farmer, who resides in the Gerry section of Chautauqua county, N. Y., was a son of William M. and Mary (Arnold) Herrick, the father a farmer by occupation.

After attaining a practical education in the common schools, John D. Herrick turned his attention to farming, his present pursuit. He has prospered in his undertaking, conducting his operations on property owned by him, and he is highly regarded by his fellow-townsmen.

Mr. Herrick married Rebecca Wolcott, daughter of Theodore and Sarah (Briggs) Wolcott. Mr. and Mrs.

Herrick lived together for more than forty-six years, constant companions in all phases of their lives, and at her death the expressions of sympathy he received from far and wide showed how many sincere friends she had, and how truly her nature had brought her into general esteem in the vicinity of their home. To them were born two children: 1. Alva M., married Maud Cobb. 2. Alma, became the wife of Morrow Hoagne, to whom she bore one child, Geraldine.

**HOWARD CASE HOLDREDGE** was born in Busti, N. Y., Jan. 25, 1861. He is the youngest child of Hilton and Amy (Case) Holdredge. His father, Hilton Holdredge, was born in Schoharie county, N. Y., 1804, and came to Chautauqua county when he was twenty-one years of age, and found the conditions there so favorable that he lived in the county until his death, Aug. 1, 1879.

In 1834, Hilton Holdredge was married to Amy Case, born 1813, at Wheeling, W. Va., the daughter of another early and respected pioneer. To them were born nine children, seven of them having grown to manhood and womanhood. For several years after his marriage, Hilton Holdredge lived in the town of Kiantone and made brick; many of the early brick buildings in and around Jamestown, N. Y., for which he furnished the material, are still standing, among them the W. C. A. Hospital of Jamestown. In his later years he moved to Busti, N. Y., where he bought a farm, where three generations of the family were born and where Howard C. Holdredge was engaged in farming until 1917, when he moved to a farm which he had purchased in Kiantone and where he is now engaged in agriculture. In politics, Mr. Holdredge votes with the Republican party, but has never taken an active part in politics, not desiring office.

Howard C. Holdredge has never married and his niece, Miss E. Mabel Holdredge, keeps house for him. She was born Feb. 28, 1868, at Busti, N. Y., and is the second of three children born to J. Warren and Melissa (Corkins) Holdredge. J. Warren Holdredge was the oldest of the children born to Hilton and Amy (Case) Holdredge. He was born Jan. 9, 1835, married Melissa Corkins, in 1863, and died, Jan. 10, 1905; his wife passed away May 14, 1895, on the thirty-second anniversary of their marriage.

The Holdredge family has been identified with the Universalist church since their settlement in Chautauqua county. In conclusion, would say, Mr. Holdredge represents one of the best families in the county, a family that has always been active in the support of everything pertaining to the general good.

**BYRON J. HOPKINS**, one of the well known farmers of Westfield, Chautauqua county, N. Y., where he was born Sept. 19, 1859, is a member of a family which has resided in this region for a number of years, and a son of Ezra and Catherine (Johnson) Hopkins. The elder Mr. Hopkins also followed the occupation of farming all his life. He and his wife were the parents of six other children: Grant, a graduate of the Silver Creek High School and Cornell University, and is now a teacher of veterinary science at the latter institution; Edwin R., a prominent physician at Silver Creek; Katherine M., now a teacher at the Westfield

High School; Josephine, who resides with her brother, Mr. Hopkins, at Westfield; Emily, who resides with her brother, Dr. Hopkins, at Silver Creek; and Ida A., who became the wife of Lester Walcott, of Sherman, N. Y.

Byron J. Hopkins received his education at the local schools, of Westfield, and later at Eastman's Business College, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. After completing his studies he was employed by his father on the old Hopkins homestead, a farm of 400 acres, where he remained for a time. He then went to the oil district of Pennsylvania and worked for the Hazelwood Oil Company of Bradford, Pa., and the Carter Oil Company of Sistersville, W. Va. After about three years with these concerns, he returned home, and upon the death of his father received 138 acres of the old homestead farm, which he has conducted as a dairy ever since. He has met with a high degree of success in this enterprise and now maintains twenty-two head of the finest pure-bred Holstein cattle. Upon this property Mr. Hopkins has built a substantial dwelling house and has remodeled the old barn and basement stable.

Byron J. Hopkins was united in marriage, Nov. 20, 1889, with Ella Adele Culver, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Austin B. Culver.

**EZRA HORTON**—No compendium such as the province of this work defines in its essential limitations will serve to offer fit memorial to the life and accomplishments of the honored subject of this sketch, a man who was remarkable in the breadth of his wisdom on agricultural matters, his indomitable perseverance, his strong individuality, and yet one whose entire life had not one esoteric phase, being an open scroll, inviting the closest scrutiny. There was in Mr. Horton a weight of character, a native sagacity, a far-seeing judgment and a fidelity of purpose that commanded the respect of all who knew him. A man of indefatigable enterprise and fertility of resource, he carved his name in the agricultural history of Chautauqua county, which owes much of its advancement to his untiring efforts.

Ezra Horton was born March 22, 1794, in Orange, N. Y., a son of Ezra and Hannah Horton. He received his early education in the public schools of his period, and after laying aside his text books he took up the agricultural work in which he continued until the time of his demise, which occurred June 20, 1874, at Ellery, N. Y. When the War of 1812 was declared, Ezra Horton was one of the first to offer his services to his country, and he was discharged, with an honorable mention from Washington, D. C., for his distinguished service while under fire. In politics, Mr. Horton was a staunch Democrat, but though he was urged to accept offices he never cared for them, preferring to devote his time to his home and business. In religious affiliations, Mr. Horton was a Baptist and both he and his family were members of the church of that denomination at Ellery, and were prominent in all its social and business affairs.

Mr. Horton married (first), Jan 20, 1820, Sally Reynolds, who died May 19, 1831. Mr. Horton married (second), April 20, 1833, Naomi Turner. By his first marriage two children were born: Charles Ross and David; by his second marriage four children were born,

Mary Jane, born Jan. 12, 1835, died June 21, 1909; Melvina J., born May 22, 1837, died June 1, 1910; Emily A., born June 23, 1839; and Ezra A., born March 7, 1842. Emily A. Horton, third child of Ezra and Naomi (Turner) Horton, is now residing at Bemus Point, and she is noted throughout Chautauqua county for her fine collection of badges, which represents the insignias of nearly 125 societies.

In concluding this review, will say that Mr. Horton was a man of most generous nature, always giving to charitable interests and to measures that had for their object the public benefit. A self-made man, he was eminently practical in all that he did, possessing a good fund of that necessary quality, common sense, which is too often lacking in the business world. He laid his plans carefully and was then determined in their execution. In business transactions his judgment was seldom, if ever, at fault, and his integrity was proverbial. If Mr. Horton had left nothing else than the record of his honorable life he would yet deserve to be called one of the honorable residents of Chautauqua county, for his influence was ever upon the side of the good and beautiful. He was never known to take advantage of his fellowmen in any trade transaction, and at all times he managed his career according to the highest principles, and when he died he left to his children and their children the priceless heritage of an untarnished name.

**CHARLES AUGUSTUS KESSEL**, who for twenty years has owned and operated a farm near Mayville, Chautauqua county, N. Y., to which farm he retired from an active commercial business, has followed certain phases of farming with zest and enthusiasm, and has gained many friends since he came into the county.

He was born in Girard, Erie county, Pa., April 6, 1865, the son of John and Philapena (Epley) Kessel. His parents were of German birth, and in that country his father was a professional man, but in 1840, when he decided to emigrate, he forsook his profession, and soon after landing in the United States settled in Girard, Pa., where he became established as a grocer and barber. In later life he acquired a farm, to which he retired.

His son, Charles Augustus Kessel, was educated in the public schools of Girard, Pa., and took up the same line of business effort as that followed by his father, perhaps with a little more enterprise. He continued in business as a barber for twenty-two years, and for the greater part of the time also had a news stand, and at the end of that time found himself, being of thrifty, steady habits, possessed of some money. He gave up his merchandizing business in Girard, Pa., and came into New York State, establishing a barber business, and he continued in the barber business for twenty years. He then bought a farm in Chautauqua county, in fact, the farm he still owns. That was twenty years ago, and in the interim he has very much improved the farm, planting new orchards, and erecting some substantial and commodious new buildings. He devotes his farm especially to fruit growing, set out his own vineyard, and to a large extent is a poultry farmer. He also has a small dairy, but mainly his enterprise, or what perhaps might more truthfully be called his hobby, is fruit growing and poultry. He has had good health since he took the farm, and enjoys the fine open-air life. He is fond of cows

and horses also, and generally he has succeeded well in his farming. He is an active member of the Grange at Mayville and shows that he is interested in most things pertaining to farming.

The Kessel family belong to the Lutheran faith, and fraternally, Mr. Kessel is a member of the Mayville branch of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Independent Order of Rebekah; also Royal Arcanum, and Exempt Firemen's Association. In politics, he is an independent, having an open mind upon many subjects, and definite convictions upon other subjects. Invariably, however, he is outspoken in his opinions, and is generally logical and well versed in his subjects of discussion.

On Oct. 24, 1888, in the same township of Chautauqua county, he married Margaret Hemeline. They have four children: 1. Leroy Charles, who was educated in Mayville High School; married Lyla Coon, and they have twin boys, Edward and Everett. 2. Alice, was educated in the same school as her brother; married Rod Rowland, to whom she has borne one child, Charles. 3. Harry, now deceased, was similarly educated; he was in the employ of the L. S. & M. S. Railway; was unmarried; he was a young man of irreproachable character, consistent in word and deed, a loving and dutiful son, honored and esteemed by all who were fortunate enough to be called his friend; his life was an example well worthy of emulation. 4. Donald, attending school at the present time.

Mr. Kessel is well regarded in the neighborhood in which he has lived for twenty years, during which time his neighbors have had ample opportunity of judging him truly. He has given indication that he is a man of commendable qualities, perhaps the most marked of which is his genuine hospitality. Men of hospitable mind are invariably those who naturally feel kindly toward their neighbors, and that is so in the case of Mr. Kessel.

**JOHN LANNING**—Francis and Arilla B. (Way) Lanning were living in the town of Busti, Chautauqua county, N. Y., in 1861, when war broke out between the States of the North and South, and on Oct. 3, 1862, Francis Lanning enlisted, and leaving his wife and infant son, marched away to the scene of conflict, never to return. He was found dead in bed on Falley Island, the year of his enlistment, 1862.

John Lanning, son of Francis and Arilla B. Lanning, was born at the home in Busti, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Nov. 13, 1860, and is now (1920) a prosperous, influential farmer of his native town. He was educated in the public school of Busti, and early began the making of a career, for he never knew a father's loving care and helping hand. He has always been a farmer and in 1904 moved to the farm of 242 acres, which he owns in Busti, and has since that year resided there. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, the Patrons of Husbandry, and the Knights of the Maccabees. In politics he is a Republican.

Mr. Lanning married, in Garland, Pa., Aug. 17, 1884, Lizzie Baker, born March 9, 1844, in the town of Carroll, Chautauqua county, N. Y., daughter of William C. and Malvina M. (Edmunds) Baker. Mr. and Mrs. Lanning are the parents of ten children: 1. Mattie A., born Aug. 6, 1885. 2. William H., born June 3, 1887. 3. Edgar J.,

born June 28, 1890, enlisted in the United States Army, April 29, 1918, went overseas with the American Expeditionary Forces, spent one year in France and was in the battles of the Argonne, Meuse Valley, St. Mihiel; was wounded, Oct. 23, 1918, and honorably discharged, May 15, 1919. 4. Aaron A., born May 23, 1892; enlisted in the United States Army, Nov. 23, 1917, served eighteen months at St. Mihiel and the Argonne, Meuse battles; honorably discharged May 22, 1919. 5. Fred L., born Nov. 3, 1895; enlisted, May 26, 1918, and served nine months in camp; honorably discharged Jan. 8, 1919. 6. Charles D., born July 11, 1897. 7. Malvina R., born March 4, 1900. 8. Ruth E., born Sept. 26, 1905. 9. Clara A., born Jan. 4, 1908. 10. Aurilla B., born May 15, 1912. The home farm is in section 30 of the town of Busti.

**WILLIAM FREDERICK LUPEAN**, a native of Chautauqua county, N. Y., and for almost twenty years a respected, responsible, and enterprising farmer in Chautauqua township of that county, has had good success in his farming, and now owns a well improved farm of 120 acres.

He was born in Dunkirk, Chautauqua county, N. Y., March 23, 1875, the son of Frederick and Minnie (Schutt) Lupean. In the paternal line, the Lupeans of Chautauqua county probably constitute a branch of the French family of Lupean, but data is not available to confirm the connection. In the maternal line William Frederick Lupean is connected with a German family, his mother, a Schutt, having been brought from Germany to the United States and to Dunkirk, N. Y., in 1845, when she was only two years old. She is still living and is comparatively active, notwithstanding that she is seventy-six years old.

William Frederick Lupean attended the public school of Dunkirk, but when the family removed to Summerdale he attended the school of that place until he had passed through the grades. He then took to agricultural employment in the neighborhood. For about ten years he worked for wages, and in 1900, having accumulated sufficient capital to enter independently into farming enterprises, he purchased a farm of 120 acres in Chautauqua township, and the intervening nineteen years to the present have been well spent by him in developing his property, which is a well improved farm, Mr. Lupean having erected modern silos, cow barns, chicken houses and in other ways given sure indication that in the nineteen years during which he has tilled the farm he has had good return for his labor, which has been unstintedly given. He has some fine cattle and horses, and as a dairy and general farmer has shown himself to be efficient and enterprising.

He is an interested member of the Mayville Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, and takes enthusiastic interest in all things pertaining to agriculture. He has a comprehensive understanding of the modern methods of scientific farming, and in his dairying has adopted many of the principles of feeding, with good results. Mr. Lupean is a Republican, but he has not taken an active part in national political movements; in local affairs, however, he has always taken much interest, being willing to further, financially or by personal services, any worthy



local project. He has not held local office, excepting in connection with the school administration; he is now trustee of School District No. 18. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Mayville, which, with his family, he attends and which he faithfully supports. During the World War, in more than one way, he manifested his patriotic spirit, contributing to the best of his financial ability to the various funds raised for the purposes of the nation in the war, and furthering all local projects which had relation thereto.

Mr. Lupean married, in the town of Chautauqua, N. Y., Feb. 23, 1898, Nellie Ellen Wright, who was born in Pennsylvania, of English parents, her parents having come to the United States in 1850, settling first in Pennsylvania, and later coming into New York State and into Chautauqua county. Mr. and Mrs. Lupean have two children. 1. Mildred Bessie, graduate of the Mayville High School; became the wife of Donald Deering, a farmer, and they have one child, Frances Ellen. 2. Alice Julia, a student.

Mr. Lupean is still in the active prime of manhood, and in all probability will be a factor of consequence in that section of the county for many years to come, but his record up to the present has shown him to be a worthy native of Chautauqua county. He is aggressive, energetic, and enterprising in his business, and manifested worthy qualities of stability of purpose and of honor in his activities since early manhood, so that he has many sincere friends.

**DUDLEY MECUSKER**—There are very few farmers in Ellery, Chautauqua county, N. Y., who have made a more complete success of their operations than has Dudley Mecusker, who has for many years been engaged in this line of work. Mr. Mecusker was born in Gerry, N. Y., Oct. 2, 1846, and is of Irish descent on the paternal side of the house, his father, Patrick Mecusker, having been born in that country. The elder Mr. Mecusker came to the United States with his parents when but seven years of age, and for many years made his home in Gerry, where he was a prosperous farmer. He married Phoebe Becker, a native of Ellery township, and one of their children was Dudley Mecusker, with whom we are here especially concerned.

Mr. Mecusker continued to live in his native town of Gerry until he had reached the age of eighteen, and during several years attended the common schools of the place. Upon completing his studies there he removed to Bemus Point, Ellery township, and here took up farming as an occupation. It was in the year 1882 that he purchased the farm that he now lives on, and since that time has been most actively engaged in cultivating it and bringing it to an extremely high state of productiveness. He has, besides his agricultural activities, been keenly interested in the general life of Bemus Point and Jamestown, and for many years has been identified with the management of the Bank of Jamestown, of which he is today one of the oldest living stockholders. He has also participated to a large extent in local public life, and for ten years served in the responsible office of tax assessor for the town of Ellery, discharging its duties with justice and impartiality, keeping always the best interests of the community at heart. He is also well known in social circles at Bemus Point and elsewhere, and is a

prominent member of the local Grange. In his religious belief he is a Methodist.

Dudley Mecusker was united in marriage, Feb. 25, 1874, at Ellery, with Edna Strunk, like himself a native of Gerry, born July 10, 1854, a daughter of Walter and Dolly (Peterson) Strunk, natives of Ellicott and Ellery townships, respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Mecusker are the parents of two children, as follows: Walter, born Aug. 4, 1879, married Florence Bartlett; and Glen, born Jan. 27, 1888, married Margaret Curtis, by whom he has had one child.

**RALPH THOMAS MEE**—Among the successful farmers of the prosperous agricultural region of Chautauqua county, N. Y., should be mentioned Ralph Thomas Mee, who has been actively engaged in dairying in the neighborhood of the town of Falconer for a number of years. Mr. Mee was born in Levant, June 20, 1889, a son of Thomas and Hattie E. (Morley) Mee, old and highly respected residents of that place, the former was born July 1, 1845, in Leicester, England, and the latter, Jan. 12, 1860, at Buffalo, N. Y. The elder Mr. Mee like his son, was engaged in farming operations, and he and his wife were the parents of four children, as follows: Ralph Thomas, with whose career we are here especially concerned; Stanley, who enlisted in the United States Navy during the recent European war and was in training on the Great Lakes for seven months; Louise and Edith.

Ralph Thomas Mee was reared in that wholesome environment in which the finest and strongest element in our citizenship has its training, the environment of farm life and labor, for as a lad he assisted his father with the work upon the home place and gained there the splendid physical health which he now enjoys, as well as special training in the occupations which he has since followed on his own account. This work he followed as a lad during the summer months, and in the winter attended the local public schools and there gained his education. Upon completing his studies at these institutions, he devoted himself more entirely to helping his father for a time, and he then became the owner of a farm which he has since conducted with a marked degree of success. His energy and knowledge of agricultural methods have brought his property up to a high point of cultivation, and his crops are always of the finest character. He justly enjoys the reputation of a progressive and capable man, and holds a high place in the esteem of his fellow-citizens throughout the region. Mr. Mee is a staunch Republican in politics, and takes a keen and intelligent interest in local affairs, but his agricultural interests have prevented him up to the present from taking that active part in public life that his talents undoubtedly fit him for. He is connected prominently with the First National Bank of Falconer, and in all his business relations has shown a wide grasp of practical affairs. In his religious belief, Mr. Mee is a Methodist and attends Wesleyan Church at Falconer.

Ralph Thomas Mee was united in marriage, Aug. 31, 1910, at Falconer, with Berle Sweet, a native of Falconer, born Nov. 9, 1889, a daughter of Oscar W. and Ella (Marsh) Sweet, lifelong residents here. To Mr. and Mrs. Mee two children have been born, as follows: Gretchen E., born July 2, 1911, and Ralph Thomas, Jr., April 18, 1919.



**FRED HENRY NEWELL**, one of the leading farmers of Chautauqua county, N. Y., aggressive and capable, and successfully farming more than 300 acres of good land, is still in his early prime of manhood, but has been a factor of consequence in agricultural affairs in the Westfield and Sherman districts of the county.

He was born in Mina, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Oct. 14, 1881, the son of Milton Gerry and Ida (Ottaway) Newell. His father, who died in 1918, was one of the substantial farmers of the county; he operated 284 acres in Westfield township for fifteen years prior to his death. His widow is descended from an old English family, the Ottaway family having prominent record in Kentish history of former centuries. Judge A. B. Ottaway, one of the advisory board of editors of this historical work, is of the same family, and Mabel Ottaway, wife of Fred Henry Newell, also comes from the same stock, she, however, being only very distantly related to Mrs. Ida (Ottaway) Newell, her mother-in-law. Further data regarding the Ottaway family will be found elsewhere in this volume.

Fred Henry Newell, son of Milton Gerry and Ida (Ottaway) Newell, was educated in the district school of Mina, N. Y., and from the time he left school until the present he has farmed continuously and for the whole of the time extensively. At the outset, he aided his father in the management of the latter's big agricultural holding. In 1903 he went with his father into the management of the 284 acres the latter owned in Westfield township, but four years later, upon his marriage, he bought his present farm in Westfield. It is 160 acres in extent, and adjoins his father's property, 150 acres of which he has since his father's death rented from the estate; so that it may be appreciated that Fred H. Newell is one of the worth-while agriculturists of the county. He has abundant energy, enterprising optimism, and is an able manager. He has a comprehensive understanding of scientific farming, and has adopted many of the proved modern methods, especially those relating to the care and feeding of stock for dairy purposes. He is constantly improving his farms, has fine modern buildings, and his stock includes a fine herd of forty cows. He has applied himself manfully to big undertakings and has proved himself to be capable of handling them.

Mr. Newell is an active member of Sherman Grange, and in national politics is an independent Democrat. In local affairs he votes for the best man, irrespective of party.

There are six other children of Milton Gerry and Ida (Ottaway) Newell. They are his two sisters, Ena and Clara, and his brothers, Faye, Warren, Jesse and Loan. In the order of birth they should be placed as follows: Ena, Fred H., Faye, Clara, Warren, Jesse and Loan.

On Oct. 16, 1907, Fred Henry Newell married Mabel Ottaway, a very distant relative. They have a fine home and are very hospitable.

**JOHN OAKES**, one of the progressive and successful farmers of Westfield, Chautauqua county, N. Y., is a native of this place, his birth having occurred here April 1, 1852, a son of Reuben and Minnie (Cosgrove) Oakes, old and highly respected residents here. The elder Mr. Oakes was also a prominent farmer of Westfield, and he and his wife were the parents of the fol-

lowing children: John, with whose career we are here especially concerned; James, who is engaged in farming at Westfield; Clarence, born March 4, 1885, died Jan. 2, 1910, as the result of an accident caused by a falling tree; Rhoda, who became the wife of Claud Greeley, of Westfield.

John Oakes received his education at Westfield, attending the local public schools for this purpose, and during his spare hours worked on his father's farm, and thus gained a wide knowledge of agriculture. For one year after completing his studies he filled a position as clerk in a local grocery store, but this occupation did not appeal to him and he determined to return to farm life. Accordingly, he purchased a farm of 170 acres at Chautauqua, where he operated a large dairy, but nine years later he resold this property, and in March, 1911, purchased 105 acres of land near Westfield of a Mr. McCartin. This property, which had originally been owned by the Harrington family, had been greatly run down and Mr. Oakes not only had to bring the land up to a higher degree of cultivation, but also had to remodel the house and farm buildings. Today, however, under his expert direction, it has become one of the finest places in the county and is now operated by him as a dairy. Here he maintains twenty head of the finest Holstein cattle, as well as four horses, which are required to do the work of the place.

John Oakes was united in marriage, Dec. 19, 1900, at Westfield, with Grace Franklin, a daughter of James and Mary (Baker) Franklin, old and highly respected residents of this place. To Mr. and Mrs. Oakes the following children have been born: Ralph, a bridge carpenter on the Nickelplate Railroad; Gerald, who is employed as cook on the Nickelplate Railroad; Hugh, a student in Westfield High School; Murray and Marion, the latter two being students at the present time in the local school.

Mr. Oakes has for a long time taken a lively interest in the general affairs of the community. He is a member of the Republican party, has held the office of county committeeman for about six years and is now serving his second term in that position. He is a member of the local Grange and the Dairyman's League.

**WALTER E. PERSONS**, one of the prominent farmers of Westfield, Chautauqua county, N. Y., and a highly respected citizen of the community, is a member of a family which has resided in this region for many years and has always occupied a high place in the esteem of their fellow-citizens. The farm upon which Mr. Persons resides was purchased about 1818 by his grandfather from John McMahan, who in turn secured it from the Holland Land Company in 1801. Five generations of the Persons family have resided here, including the present Mr. Persons, his children and grandchildren. Mr. Persons is a son of Orris and Melva (Shaw) Persons, old and highly respected residents of this region, where the former followed the occupation of farming during his entire life.

Walter E. Persons was born on the old family homestead situated on the lake road in Westfield township, Feb. 22, 1851, and during his childhood was a pupil in the local district schools. Later he attended the Westfield Academy in the village of Westfield, and upon com-

pleting his studies at the last named institution became his father's assistant in the work on his farm. The occupation which he thus was introduced to has remained his calling up to the present time, and he is now regarded as one of the most progressive and practical agriculturists in the neighborhood. After assisting his father for some time, Mr. Persons became the owner of a twenty-five acre vineyard, which, however, he has since reduced to eight acres, devoting the remaining sixty-eight acres of the farm to dairy purposes, orchards and general farming. He now maintains seventeen head of fine cattle and one hundred chickens, and makes use of six horses in the farm work. At one time he was interested in the raising of pigs, of which he fed about eighty, but has since given up this line. Mr. Persons is well known in the community for the lively interest which he takes in public affairs, and he has held a number of public offices in the gift of the township. He is a Republican in politics and has always been devoted to the interests of his party here. In his religious belief, Mr. Persons is a Methodist and attends the Methodist Episcopal church at Westfield.

Walter E. Persons was united in marriage, July 7, 1872, with Caroline Stockley, of Westfield, a daughter of Charles and Betsy (Shoff) Stockley, old and highly respected residents of this place. Mr. and Mrs. Persons are the parents of six children, as follows: 1. Minnie, who was educated in the Westfield public schools, graduating from the high school here, and afterwards took a course in music at the Crane Music Institute at Potsdam, N. Y.; she is now supervisor of musical instruction in the public schools of Olean, N. Y. 2. Charles, who was educated in the Westfield public schools and graduated from the high school here with the class of 1894, followed by a course in Jamestown Business College; at an early age he became interested in the subject of botany and studied it with much concentration for a number of years independently; he also worked for a considerable period in the local greenhouses, and thus gained a wide practical experience in his chosen subject; Mr. Persons has made horticulture his profession and is now engaged in business as a landscape gardener and tree specialist at Cincinnati, Ohio; he married Pearl Bemis, a member of an old Chautauqua family, and they are the parents of five children, as follows: Dorothy, Howard, Barbara, Walter and Willis. 3. Jay, who was educated in the grammar and high schools of Westfield, and now owns and resides on the farm adjoining that of his father; he married Loula Morse, and they are the parents of three children, as follows: Ruth, Paul and Edward. 4. Grace, who was educated in the grammar and high schools of Westfield, and became the wife of Donald Shearer, to whom she bore one child, Caroline Grace, died Jan. 25, 1920. 5. Harold, who was educated in the public schools of Westfield, and, like his brother Charles, made a special independent study of the subject of botany and horticulture; he is now engaged in business with the latter in Cincinnati; he married Anne Tierny, of that city, by whom he has had two children, as follows: Margaret and Robert. 6. Mary, who graduated from Westfield High School and later entered the Nurses' Training School at Clifton Springs Sanitarium; she now resides at home with her parents.

**OTTO PETERSON**—Among the Swedes who first came to Jamestown in July, 1850, was Otto Peterson, who after more than half a century of life in his adopted city was gathered to his fathers in 1903. But prior to his coming or to the coming of any permanent Swede settler to Jamestown two young Swedish women, Johanna Charlotta Johnson and Lisa Lena Anderson, came to Jamestown during the month of August, 1848, and they are Jamestown's first actual Swedish settlers. Lisa Lena Anderson, born in Smaland, Sweden, July 30, 1833, married Otto Peterson in 1851, and together they spent more than half a century of wedded life. Then in 1903 the strong arm of the husband was withdrawn, and now (1920) the widow still survives, residing in Jamestown, aged eighty-seven, her home, No. 296 Harrison street. Johanna Charlotta Johnson, who came to Jamestown with Lisa Lena Anderson in the summer of 1848, is also living, her home in Falconer, she the widow of Frank Peterson.

Otto Peterson was born in Wimmerby, Sweden, March 3, 1829, settled in Jamestown, N. Y., in 1850, and there died Nov. 24, 1903. He was educated in Swedish schools and spent the first nineteen years of his life in his native land. After coming to the United States he settled in Jamestown, N. Y., and in that section of Chautauqua county spent his after life, a farmer and tanner. He was a member of the Swedish Lutheran church, and in his political faith a Democrat. Mr. Peterson was an honorable, industrious man, and reared his large family to habits of industry and thrift. He was highly esteemed in his circle of friends, and passed away deeply regretted.

Mr. Peterson married, in Sugar Grove, Pa., June 28, 1851, the Rev. O. G. Hedstrom officiating, Lisa Lena Anderson, born in Sweden, July 30, 1833, who survives him, aged eighty-seven years, a daughter of Andrew Anderson. Twelve children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Otto Peterson, seven of whom are living. The children are: Mary, born April 26, 1852, died Nov. 20, 1853; Mary Ann, born Jan. 15, 1854; Emma, born May 30, 1856; Amelia Lena, born Feb. 18, 1858; Otto Frederic, born May 25, 1860, died Jan. 8, 1920; Ellen Christina, born May 7, 1862; Matilda Jane, born April 26, 1864; Nils Albert, born May 15, 1866, died April 15, 1868; Florence Lilly, born June 28, 1868, died March 24, 1890; Dora Detta, born April 15, 1870, died Aug. 31, 1871; Alvin Edward, born Feb. 26, 1873; Bertha Elizabeth, born Aug. 14, 1876.

Mrs. Lisa Lena Peterson is one of the charter members of the First Lutheran Church of Jamestown, and is yet a loved and honored member of that congregation. Her years, eighty-seven, do not prevent her from taking a deep interest in the church of which she has been a member since its organization, and at one of the great special meetings held in the church during the summer of 1920 she was an honored guest.

**CHARLES MILO ROBBINS**, respected and prosperous farmer of Gerry, Chautauqua county, N. Y., where he has lived throughout practically the whole of his useful life of sixty-five years, has been a justice of the peace of that place for many years. He comes of an old Colonial Vermont family, but his father came to Chautauqua county, N. Y., to live before he was born,



for he is a native of Gerry, born July 7, 1854. His parents were Joel and Elizabeth (Matthews) Robbins, his mother having been born in the city of Albany, N. Y. Joel Robbins, father of Charles M. Robbins, was a farmer, and had a property in the Gerry district. Charles M. Robbins was reared on the Gerry farm, attending the Gerry public school as a youth, and as a young man applying himself industriously to the accomplishment of agricultural tasks upon his father's farm. Eventually he became the head of a family, and the owner of a good farming property, which he farmed to good profit. He has always been of industrious disposition, and has proved himself to be a good farmer, and in his association with the people of the district, and the farmers of the county in general, he has shown himself by his actions to be a man of good honest purpose and of earnest, unselfish disposition. He has always had more than a passing interest in the general affairs of the community in which he has spent his entire life, and has more than once shown how useful a member of the community he is. Throughout his life he has been willing to take his share of the public responsibilities which fall to unselfish workers in every community, and in the administration of justice has proved himself to be a man of honest, impartial, judicial mind. As a neighbor he is kindly and helpful, and in his church support has been substantial and consistent.

During the war recently ended his record was worthy; he subscribed unstintedly of his means to the several loans and funds raised for the many purposes of the nation, and upon this farm he did the part that so many loyal American farmers did, he cooperated with the Department of Agriculture, and the expressed wish of President Wilson, in the great endeavor to secure from American agricultural land such an increase in food-stuffs that famishing Europe might be fed with our surplus yield. The surprising result, which is now national history, came through the self-denying endeavors of American farmers of good heart and patriotic soul, who during the years of stress held closely to their farms, prevented waste and wherever possible tilled every acre. It is a creditable page in national history, and should have place in local individual histories, for it is only in that way that loyal Americans who had part in the effort can be given what is their due, individual recognition.

Mr. Robbins has been twice married; his first wife was Nettie Dunham, who was born April 14, 1868, to Jesse and Harriet (Faser) Dunham. Charles Milo Robbins and Nettie Dunham were married April 14, 1886, and eventually three children were born to the marriage. These children by name, and in the order of their coming, are: Leva Viola, born Oct. 18, 1892; Clare Rolend, born Feb. 4, 1898; Jesse Joel, born Sept. 13, 1899. Mrs. Nettie (Dunham) Robbins died Sept. 24, 1899, and Mr. Robbins remained a widower until Aug. 22, 1906, when he married Nora May, daughter of Byron and Rosalind (Robbins) Baldwin.

As a Christian, as a church and public worker, and as a farmer, the record of Charles Milo Robbins is good, and has brought him a world of respect in his own community.

**GRACE (MATTOCKS) SCHERMERHORN**—The honor of operating the most successful farms of Chautauqua county, N. Y., is not by any means confined

to the male population of this region, there being many capable farmers among the women also. One of these is Mrs. Grace (Mattocks) Schermerhorn, of Kennedy, Chautauqua county, N. Y., who was born in the town of Ellington, N. Y., Aug. 27, 1878. Mrs. Schermerhorn is a daughter of John B. and Augusta (Hotchkiss) Mattocks, old and highly respected residents of that place, where the former was also engaged in agricultural pursuits for many years. As a girl Mrs. Schermerhorn attended the public schools of her native town, teaching for a number of years in the common schools. Later, at the death of her husband, she became the owner of her present fine farming property near the village of Kennedy, which she has quite ably managed for the past fourteen years, keeping a small dairy and raising some fine poultry. Mrs. Schermerhorn attends the Methodist Episcopal church at Kennedy.

Mrs. Schermerhorn was united in marriage, March 18, 1903, with Frank S. Schermerhorn, a native of Herkimer county, N. Y., where his birth occurred Dec. 3, 1862, a son of William and Susan (Foster) Schermerhorn. Mr. Schermerhorn died Nov. 1, 1906, leaving one child, Ruth Augusta Schermerhorn, born June 15, 1905, who now makes her home with her mother.

**DANIEL SHAW**, of Ripley, Chautauqua county, N. Y., was for many years a conspicuous figure in the agricultural life of the community, and was the owner of a fine farm in this region, which he brought to a high state of cultivation. Mr. Shaw is one of seven children born to John and Mary (Casey) Shaw, of Jamestown, N. Y. He was born in that city, Jan. 15, 1858. The Shaw family originally resided at Randolph, N. Y., in the village of Strambury, and removed from there to a farm at Ripley.

The present Mr. Shaw received his education in the public schools of Ripley, and during his spare time was employed on his father's farm. Upon completing his studies he purchased a farm of fifty acres for himself which, however, he disposed of five years later. He then bought the old Hitchcock homestead, consisting of ninety acres of excellent farm land, and here made his home for many years. He conducted his place as a dairy farm and devoted three and a half acres to grapes, being very successful in these operations. He remodeled the old dwelling house situated there; also the barn and other outbuildings, all of which were modern in all their equipment. He is a member of the local Grange and the Dairymen's League. In politics he is a Republican and at present (1920) holds the office of school collector, the responsible duties of which he has discharged with great efficiency. He attends the Methodist Episcopal church at Ripley.

Daniel Shaw was united in marriage, Nov. 22, 1907, with Alice Palmer Sawin, widow of H. E. Sawin, and a daughter of Isaac and Laura Ann Gay.

**GEORGE WALTER SHEPARDSON**, one of the most progressive and successful farmers of Ellery township, Chautauqua county, N. Y., where he has been engaged in agricultural operations for nearly three decades, is a native of the town of Gerry, N. Y., his birth having occurred Jan. 19, 1861. He is a son of Walter

and Camilla (Partridge) Shepardson, the former a well known farmer of Gerry township for many years.

The childhood of George W. Shepardson was passed on the old family property, where he was taught the rudiments of farming by his father. He also attended the local common schools during the summer months and it was at these institutions that he received his education. Upon completing his studies, the young man assisted his father on the home place for several years, and in 1891, came to Ellery township, where he purchased his present valuable property and began its cultivation. For twenty-nine years Mr. Shepardson has continued on the same place and has during that time brought it to a very high state of productivity and made it one of the model farms of the neighborhood. He is an active member of the Grange, and interests himself in the development of the agricultural resources of the region. In his religious belief, Mr. Shepardson is a Methodist and attends the church of that denomination at Ellery.

George Walter Shepardson was united in marriage, March 12, 1890, at Gerry, N. Y., with Emma Jenette Johnson, a native of Ellery, born Oct. 5, 1865, a daughter of Benona and Maria (Miller) Johnson, the former a farmer in this district. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Shepardson, as follows: Pearl M., born June 8, 1899, died May 7, 1901; George Emerson, born Feb. 3, 1901; Lesley H., born Aug. 31, 1903; Earl B., born Sept. 17, 1906.

**FRED E. SCHERMERHORN**—Among the farmers whose activities have played so important a part in the development of Poland, Chautauqua county, N. Y., none is better known or more successful than Fred E. Schermerhorn, who has been engaged actively in dairying in this region for many years.

Mr. Schermerhorn was born in Herkimer county, N. Y., July 29, 1866. As a lad he attended the local public schools where he received his education. His advantages in this line were somewhat meagre, but Mr. Schermerhorn was one of those men who learn easily and naturally in whatever environment they might find themselves, and his education has really been more actually derived from the great school of experience than from any lesser institution. While not busy in his lessons he, as a lad, assisted his father with the work upon the latter's place and there gained the wide knowledge of agricultural methods which he now applies with such success upon his own account. It was in the year 1897 that Mr. Schermerhorn came into the possession of his present property and since that time he has with indefatigable industry developed it to the highest point of cultivation, so that today it may justly be considered one of the model farms of the neighborhood. Mr. Schermerhorn has not by any means confined his activities, however, to his farming interest, but has taken a prominent part in local public affairs and has served the community as a member of the school board here for several years. He has been a conspicuous figure in social and fraternal circles here and is affiliated with a number of important organizations, including Kennedy Lodge, No. 522, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, while both he and his wife are members of the Order of Rebekahs.

Fred E. Schermerhorn was united in marriage, June 1, 1892, at Kennedy, N. Y., with Myra L. Hitchcock, a native of that place, her birth occurring May 18, 1872, a daughter of George W. and Sarah (Mattocks) Hitchcock, old and highly respected residents there. Mr. and Mrs. Schermerhorn are the parents of the following children: Irene G., born Aug. 4, 1893, served as a nurse in the Debarkation Hospital at Hampton, Va.; Joseph F., born Sept. 13, 1899, joined the United States Navy, Nov. 8, 1917, and served until July 11, 1919, served as a bomber in France, when he was honorably discharged; Winnifred, born Aug. 7, 1905; and Wilma M., born Oct. 6, 1909.

**DELOS LODELL STAGE**, who has been a responsible and successful farmer in Chautauqua county, N. Y., and is well known and well respected in the neighborhood of Sherman, that county, has had a busy life of sixty-six years, nearly the whole of which, with the exception of his schooling years, have been spent in farming, approximately half a century.

He was born in Collins, Erie county, N. Y., Oct. 23, 1853, the son of Henry and Martha Sophia (Crandall) Stage. When he was still an infant, the family removed to Wisconsin and in a small district school of that State the boy received his first tuition. The education was not of particularly high standard, and it cost him much effort to obtain it, for his home was about five miles from the school, and that distance it was necessary for him to walk. However, the family eventually returned East, and settled in New York State, where the boy was able to finish his schooling in greater comfort. After attending district school, he took to farming operations, assisting neighbors in the cultivation and work of their farms. With the exception of a short while spent in the axe factory at Dunkirk and Gowanda, Delos L. Stage has followed farming consistently and steadily since he left school. Politically, Mr. Stage gives allegiance to the Republican party, but beyond that he has not entered into public affairs. He has, of course, always been interested in local movements, and has ever been ready to support any project he has considered to be worthy, but he has never felt any inclination to enter into competition for public office. Fraternally, he belongs to the Maccabees, and by religious persuasion he is a Presbyterian.

On Oct. 5, 1886, Mr. Stage married Lillie Curtis, of Collins, Erie county, N. Y. They have children, as follows: 1. Ella, who married Theodore Miskie, and is the mother of two children, Ralph and Martha. 2. Clayton, whose wife Edith died Oct. 11, 1918. 3. John, who married Gladys Schutt; they have two children, Winifred and Henry. 4. Otto, at home. 5. Olive, resides with her parents.

Delos Lodell Stage has had a commendable career of useful activity within the county, and has a definite place in this volume. His labor has been all directed to production, his enterprise has been good, and his dealings have been so conducted as to bring him the confidence of men. He has sought to live honorably, and so has made many sincere friends, who have liked him for his stalwart qualities and frank manner. During the World War he manifested a fully patriotic spirit.



**ALVIN STRUNK**—Prominent among the many successful farmers of Ellicott township, Chautauqua county, N. Y., one of the richest agricultural regions of the country, is Alvin Strunk, a man whose entire success has been due to his own efforts, his indefatigable industry and intelligence. Mr. Strunk is a native of this county, having been born in Ellicott township, Oct. 27, 1836, a son of William H. Strunk, one of the old farmers of the region, and of Jane Ann (Van Vleck) Strunk, his wife.

His childhood and early youth were passed on the old family homestead, where he learned farming methods in the great school of experience and under the capable direction of his father, and attended the local public schools. Later he became the owner of his present farm property, which is located two and one-half miles north of Jamestown, which he has kept in the highest state of cultivation ever since and where he has met with notable success in his operations. Mr. Strunk is a Republican in politics, and was assessor in Ellicott township for twenty-two years; has always maintained a strong and intelligent interest in the general situation and given much attention to the issues of the time. He is a member of Union Grange, Jamestown, N. Y., and has been active in his membership in doing his share in promoting the general agricultural welfare of the community of which he is so highly valued a member.

Alvin Strunk was united in marriage, April 2, 1864, at Randolph, N. Y., with Maria Putnam, a native of Chautauqua county, having been born in Stockton township, N. Y., where her birth occurred Sept. 24, 1843, a daughter of Rev. Oren Putnam, born in Brookfield, Madison county, N. Y., and Alvira (Scofield) Putnam, of Saratoga county, N. Y., his wife. Mr. and Mrs. Strunk are the parents of one child, Bert C., born June 8, 1867, who married Myrtie Brunson, Sept. 1, 1892, who was born at South Stockton, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Sept. 29, 1870. Bert C. Strunk has always lived on the farm with his father; is a Free and Accepted Mason; Royal Arch Mason; Knights Templar of Jamestown, N. Y.; thirty-second degree Mason, and Mystic Shriner of Buffalo, N. Y.

**EDWARD WILLIAM WALKER**—When a man has lived as many years in any community as Mr. Walker has lived in Westfield, he is so thoroughly known to his townsmen as to render it impossible for the biographer to give them any information regarding him. But for that very reason the main facts of his career are always interesting, for they show that he is one of the men who count as Mr. Walker certainly does, both as farmer and former public official. Edward William Walker was born July 12, 1853, in Westfield township, and is a son of Thomas and Charlotte (Garrett) Walker, who came from England. Mr. Walker was a mason, or bricklayer, and later became a farmer.

The education of Edward William Walker was received in District School No. 1, in Westfield, and his first employment was assisting his father at the latter's trade. Later he learned the trade and for some years followed it. His father died at the age of seventy and some years before his decease had become the owner of two small farms. In 1902, Mr. Walker took up his abode on his present farm of 60 87-100 acres and has materially

improved it. He has nine cows, four horses and seventy-five chickens, and carries on a prosperous dairy and general farming business. About 1911 he engaged in the bee industry and now has a thriving apiary of fourteen stands. This last branch of industry was originated by his son, who has the entire management of it. In the sphere of politics, Mr. Walker is an independent voter, always taking an active interest in community affairs and holding himself in readiness to do his part toward their improvement. For three terms he served as school trustee. His wife belongs to the Grange and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Walker married, March 16, 1884, Alice M., daughter of Martin and Mary C. (Blakeney) Knapp, and they are the parents of the following children: Edward William; Horace; Zelta, married Clyde Frazier and had one child, Harold, now deceased; and Frances, graduated from Fredonia Normal School and is now a teacher.

In a quiet, forceful, unobtrusive way, Mr. Walker has done much toward the development and maintenance of all that is best in his community, reaping his reward in the gratitude and respect of his friends and neighbors.

**FRANK WHEELOCK**, who for many years has been one of the most successful farmers at Kennedy, Chautauqua county, N. Y., where he has been engaged in the raising of Holstein cattle with a high degree of success, is a son of Albert and Jane (Thatcher) Wheelock, old and highly respected residents of Poland, where the former was also engaged in agricultural operations.

Frank Wheelock was born Aug. 29, 1876, in the town of Poland, N. Y., and for his education attended the local public schools. During the summer months he assisted his father in the work upon the latter's farm and there gained a wide knowledge and experience in general farming methods, which has stood him in good stead ever since. In the year 1904 Mr. Wheelock purchased his present farm in the neighborhood of Kennedy, and by unwearied energy and industry has brought it to its present high state of cultivation and productivity. He is now regarded as one of the most progressive and scientific farmers in this region and raises Holstein cattle, which he disposes of in the local markets. He has always maintained a keen interest in public affairs, and is a staunch supporter of Republican principles and policies, his voice being influential in the councils of his party. He is a member of the local Grange and has done much in this capacity to advance the agricultural interests of the community.

Frank Wheelock was united in marriage, Oct. 20, 1902, in the town of Poland, Chautauqua county, N. Y., with Celia Sherman, a native of the town of Ellicott, born Jan. 1, 1874, a daughter of Albert and Annis (Williams) Sherman, lifelong residents of Ellicott.

**NELSA A. STONE**, who has been prominent among the agriculturists of Ellicott township, Chautauqua county, N. Y., for many years and who is well and favorably known throughout the entire community for his public spirit, was born in Sweden, April 28, 1855. He is a son of Charles and Johanna (Stow) Stone, the former a farmer in his native land, where the son passed the early years of his life and attended the local schools for his

education. At the same time he received practical instruction in farming from his father, and when sixteen years old, in the year 1871, came to the United States. The first four years of his residence in this country were spent in the town of Ellery, N. Y., but in 1880 he went to Salamanca, where he worked at the lumber business. In 1885, knowing of the great agricultural richness of the soil in Chautauqua county and the opportunities it offered to farmers, he came to this region and here devoted himself permanently to that occupation. In the year 1914 he settled on his present farm in Ellicott township, since which time he has been indefatigable in its cultivation and has succeeded in bringing it to its present high state of productiveness. He raises fine crops of various types and disposes of them to advantage in the surrounding markets, which are large and numerous in the locality. Mr. Stone is a staunch Republican in politics, but his personal superintendence of his farm has left him no time and he has felt no inclination to take part in public affairs. He has always displayed a public-spirited interest in the welfare of the community, however, especially in connection with its agricultural development, and is a member of Union Grange of Jamestown. In his religious belief Mr. Stone is a Lutheran and attends the church of that denomination.

Nelsa A. Stone was united in marriage, March 24, 1876, at Jamestown, N. Y., with Lucinda Saddler, a native of the town of Carroll, born June 29, 1851, a daughter of William and Sarah (Furlow) Saddler, of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Stone are the parents of two children, as follows: Myrtie, born Oct. 27, 1877, married, Sept. 9, 1896, Raymond Schofield, of Ellery, to whom she has borne one child, Beatrice; Florelle, born June 10, 1894, married, Aug. 17, 1915, at Ellicott, Albert Vanstrom, to whom she has borne two children, Vivian and Alfred.

**FLEURY JAMES WOLCOTT**, one of the most successful of the younger farmers of Ellington, Chautauqua county, N. Y., is a native of Poland, N. Y., born Sept. 17, 1892, a son of Charles Harvey and Eva Louise (Ireland) Wolcott, old and highly respected residents of Poland, where the former was engaged in farming for many years.

Fleury James Wolcott passed his childhood on his father's farm, where he was subject to those wholesome influences of rural life from which have sprung so many of the foremost citizens of this country. As a lad he assisted his father with the work on the latter's place, and during the winter months attended the local district schools. Later he was sent to the Gerry High School at Gerry, N. Y., from which he was graduated, after establishing an excellent record for scholarship and general good character. After completing his studies at the Gerry High School, the young man devoted his entire time towards assisting his father on his farm and there gained a wide knowledge of agricultural methods generally. Later he purchased an excellent property near Ellington, and since that time has devoted himself exclusively to the cultivation of this place, which has become under his careful superintendence one of the best farms in the district. Mr. Wolcott finds a wide market for the disposal of his produce among the local dealers at Ellington and Jamestown, and does a thriving business

in these two places. Mr. Wolcott is also prominently associated with the Conewango National Bank of Ellington, and is well known as one of the substantial citizens of the region. Mr. Wolcott has always been a Republican in politics, and takes a keen interest in local affairs. He is a member of the local Grange at Ellington, and has done much to promote the agricultural interests and development of the place. In his religious belief he is a Methodist and attends the church of that denomination at Ellington.

Fleury James Wolcott was united in marriage, Sept. 14, 1916, with Ella Ida Vasburg, a native of Elco, Pa., born Aug. 13, 1893, a daughter of William and Josephine (West) Vasburg, old and respected residents of that place.

**AXEL LEVIN**—Among the many successful and prosperous citizens of Chautauqua county, N. Y., of Swedish birth or extraction, none more deserves mention than Axel Levin who, besides conducting agricultural interests in the neighborhood, has been conspicuous in local public affairs for several years. Mr. Levin is a son of Andrew and Martha (Olson) Levin, both natives of Sweden, who came to this country in the year 1886, the former finding employment as a roller in a Pittsburgh steel mill, a trade he had already learned in his native land. The elder Mr. Levin is now retired from active life and makes his home with his son, the Mr. Levin of this sketch, at Busti.

Axel Levin was born Feb. 20, 1879, in Sweden, and began his education in that country, coming to the United States with his parents in 1886. His father, having secured an excellent position here, it was possible for the youth to complete his studies as desired and this he did by attending public schools and the McKeesport Business College, Pa. Upon his graduation from this institution he took up the same line of work as his father was engaged in and worked in the steel mill at McKeesport, Pa., for ten years; also five years in retail furniture business as salesman at McKeesport, Pa. He had always felt a strong fondness for a rural life, however, and believing that an excellent opportunity awaited an enterprising man in agricultural activities, he gave up his position after saving up a considerable portion of his earnings. This capital he promptly invested in a farm in Busti township, his intention having been favorably attracted by the great fertility and favorable farming conditions of Chautauqua county, and here he has continued in the same line of work ever since. The consistent and conscientious devotion of Mr. Levin to his chosen occupation has borne good fruit and he is now the owner of one of the finest and most productive farms in the region. Mr. Levin's alert and progressive mind has not rested content with winning success for himself in his private enterprise, but has led him to take part in the general life of the community of which he now is a valued member, his ability and public spirit soon making him prominent in its affairs. He has held for four years the important office of supervisor of the township of Busti, and during that period has rendered a high service to his fellow-citizens by his efficient management of their public business and won their universal regard. He is also prominent in social and fraternal circles and is a member of Youghiogeny Lodge, No. 583, Free and



Accepted Masons, of McKeesport, Pa., and of Busti Grange. In religion he is a Congregationalist and attends the Busti church of that denomination.

Axel Levin was united in marriage, July 9, 1902, at Jamestown, with Hedvig Hollenius, who is a native of Sweden, born April 3, 1884, a daughter of P. H. and Sophy Hollenius, of that country. Mr. and Mrs. Levin are the parents of five children, as follows: Ralph O., born Nov. 17, 1903; Gertrude B., born April 8, 1906; Carl, born Dec. 28, 1908; Earnest, born Sept. 20, 1913, and Margaret, born July 31, 1916.

**RALPH WARNER**, a successful farmer of Brocton, Chautauqua county, N. Y., is a native of this region, his birth having occurred in Portland township, July 12, 1874. Mr. Warner is a son of Charles and Eleanor (Vandervoort) Warner, old and highly respected residents of Portland township, where the former died Feb. 7, 1919. He is survived by his wife. The elder Mr. Warner was born in Portland township on the old family homestead, which is situated opposite the farm now occupied by his son, in the year 1842. He was a son of one of the early settlers in this region who moved here about 1835. He was not one of the original patentees, but purchased his land in all probability from one of these, the former owner having been Mr. Dunn. The Warners were an old family in Connecticut and could trace their ancestry back before the Revolutionary War. The great-grandfather of the present Mr. Warner was Elijah Warner, a brother of General Seth Warner, of Connecticut, and he could trace his ancestry back to a family living at Hadden Hall in England at an early period.

Ralph Warner passed his childhood in his native place and attended as a lad Public School No. 4. Later he attended the grade schools at Brocton, and still later was a student at the Westfield Union School, where he completed his education. Even as a child he was interested in agriculture and assisted his father in the work upon the latter's place. As soon as he had completed his studies at the Westfield Union School, he devoted himself entirely to this line of work, which he has continued uninterruptedly ever since. Mr. Warner purchased his present farm in the year 1903, and continued also to own an interest in the family homestead. He has been exceedingly successful in all his operations and disposes of the produce of his farm in the local markets. Mr. Warner is a member of the local lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In religious belief he is very liberal, and has a firm faith in God and his Christ to save.

Ralph Warner was united in marriage, at Brocton, Feb. 18, 1903, with Maude Weaver, of that place, a daughter of T. C. and Elizabeth Weaver. They are the parents of two children, Eleanor and Isabel Warner.

**JOHN LAHL**, well-to-do and well-regarded farmer of Westfield, Chautauqua county, N. Y., where he has lived practically all his life, and has proved himself to be a helpful member of the community, was born in Germany, June 28, 1862, but was only three years old when he came, with his mother, to the United States. The voyage was made on a sailing vessel, and under conditions which made it quite venturesome. Accommoda-

tion was poor, and after nineteen weeks at sea, the voyagers were no doubt relieved when they sighted the coast of America.

Soon after they had arrived in the United States, the Lahl family took up residence in Chautauqua county, N. Y., settling in Westfield township. It was in the graded school of Westfield that the son, John, obtained his education, and in due course grew to manhood. His father died while he, John, was still in early manhood, and during the life of his mother he remained near her. He purchased the Rexford farm in Westfield in 1890; it was a good farm of sixty-five acres, adapted to dairying and sheep farming, and since it came into his possession it has been very much improved, and as it is at present it is a valuable up-to-date farm, he having remodeled the house and barns, and effected many other improvements. Like most of the enterprising agriculturists of that section of Chautauqua county, he has apportioned some portion of his land to the cultivation of grapes; he has a vineyard eight acres in extent, and in a good position, so that he gets satisfactory yield; and in his general farming has proved that he is a man of enterprising, energetic characteristics. He has always followed closely all movements relative to Chautauqua county agriculture, and has been a loyal member of the Westfield Grange for many years. He also belongs to the Dairymen's League, and to the Chautauqua County Farm Bureau, and during the World War he cooperated patriotically with the objects of that bureau, and with the national Department of Agriculture, endeavoring to the best of his ability to prevent waste upon his farm, and to bring increased production.

Mr. Lahl has always manifested a markedly generous disposition, and has been a very hospitable neighbor. He is unmarried, but his sister, Mrs. Dora Kalpien, who is the mother of five boys and one girl, and is now a widow, lives with him. She is a good hostess, kind, generous, entertaining. In community work, John Lahl has throughout his life taken good part, having been at all times ready to help, by personal service or monetary contribution, to bring success to all worthy local projects in which he has felt interested. He is a man of good, conscientious Christian life, and for very many years has attended the local Methodist church, which he has steadily supported. Politically, he is a Republican, although he has not shown any inclination to desire political office. In local political movements he has always been much more interested than in national, and upon some occasions has taken active part in local politics, especially in school administration has he been interested; he has been school trustee for a number of years, and also collector of school taxes.

He is a man of fine presence, and his commendable, useful life and community interest have gained him a worthy reputation in the neighborhood, and he has many friends of long standing. He takes good place among the worthy, productive residents of Chautauqua county.

**ANDREW M. WARN**, now manager of the Martin estate in the town of Ellicott, Chautauqua county, N. Y., was born in Sweden, June 16, 1855, and there spent his youth. Upon coming to the United States he located in Jamestown, which has ever since been his home. During

the first month of street car operation in Jamestown he drove one of the cars, and from 1876 until 1882 he was a member of the Fenton Guards, that well known military company, having in its early days been an organization whose privates and officers were all Swedes. Mr. Warn was a member of the Jamestown police force for several years, and was eligible to promotion to higher rank on the force, but declined the office, and later resigned to engage in farming. He is now (1920) manager of the Martin estate in the town of Ellicott, a position he has held for fourteen years. He is a Republican in politics, and a member of the Baptist church.

Mr. Warn married, in Detroit, Mich., March 20, 1879, Harriet Wilson, born in Scotland, April 4, 1857, daughter of William and Harriet Wilson, both natives of Scotland. Mr. and Mrs. Warn are the parents of three daughters: 1. Alice Grace, born Jan. 12, 1880; married Allen Cass, and they are the parents of: Willard, Dorothy, Morris, Mabel, Ruth, and Allen Cass. 2. Pearl Sunbeam, born Jan. 7, 1885; married Charles Hagelin, and they have two children: Harriet and Daniel. 3. Ruth Naomi, born March 27, 1887; married George Wescott, and they are the parents of Georgia and Carl Wescott.

**JOHN G. HEDIN**, whose energy and intelligence have made him one of the most respected citizens of Ellery township, Chautauqua county, N. Y., and who is regarded by all as one of the most successful farmers of the neighborhood, is a native of Sweden, born June 24, 1866. He is a son of Andrew Otto and Anna (Abrahamson) Hedin, also natives of Sweden, where for many years he was engaged in agricultural operations. The elder Mr. Hedin came to the United States in the month of April, 1872, leaving his family in the old country while he sought a home and support for them in the new. Two years later, having established himself as a farmer in this region of Chautauqua county, N. Y., he sent for the remainder of the family, who then came across the ocean to join him here.

John G. Hedin was but eight years of age when he accompanied his mother to the New World in 1874, and practically all of his education was received in the common schools of his adopted home, his natural alertness of mind and intelligence, as well as his diligence at all tasks, making him an apt student in spite of what was at first the disadvantage of the unfamiliar tongue. During the vacation periods he spent his time in learning agricultural methods, and eventually he engaged in that occupation on his own account. It was in the year 1906 that he became the owner of his present fine farm property, which he has ever since kept at the highest point of cultivation and productivity, his industry meeting with the success that it deserved. Mr. Hedin has always been an active participant in the general life of the community in which he has elected to dwell, and he now occupies a high place in the esteem and confidence of his fellow townsmen. He is a Republican in politics, and a member of Bemus Point Lodge, No. 585, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of Union Grange, No. 244, Patrons of Husbandry. In religious belief he is a Lutheran and attends the church of that denomination.

John G. Hedin was united in marriage, Jan. 26, 1898, at Jamestown, N. Y., with Selma Moline, a native of

Sweden, born Jan. 22, 1877, a daughter of J. A. and Anna (Stone) Moline, of that country. Mrs. Hedin came to the United States in the year 1893, when but sixteen years of age, her parents remaining in their native land, where they still reside. To Mr. and Mrs. Hedin three children have been born, as follows: Florence E., born Oct. 20, 1898; Griffith M., born July 23, 1900; and Anna G., born April 30, 1906.

**VICTOR G. GUSTAFSON**, one of the most progressive and successful among the younger farmers of Falconer, N. Y., where he is now raising the highest quality of products on a large scale, is a native of Sweden, his birth having occurred at the town of Skeninge, March 22, 1851. Mr. Gustafson comes of good old farming stock, and is a son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Gustafson, the former a man of standing in his native land, where he was engaged in agricultural operations for many years.

Victor G. Gustafson passed his childhood and early youth in Sweden, and there attended the local public schools until he had completed the course of study to be had there and graduated from the high school. Upon reaching the age of twenty-seven years, he left his native land and came to the United States, the tales of which country had long fired his imagination and convinced him of the great opportunities to be found here. Landing in the port of Philadelphia, Pa., he came shortly after to New York State and settled at Jamestown. He secured positions in the several furniture works in that city, and there made himself so useful to his employers by his industry and intelligence that he was rapidly advanced in position until he filled a responsible post in the large plant and had gained a wide knowledge of the business of manufacturing furniture. He remained for fourteen years connected with that concern and then, having in the meantime saved up a considerable proportion of his earnings, found himself in a position to gratify a long cherished ambition and become his own master. His early life had confirmed in him a taste for rural life and occupations that was probably inherited from his forebears, and accordingly he purchased a fine farm in the neighborhood of Falconer, N. Y., and removed his home there. Since that time he has been engaged in farming and has brought his place to the highest kind of cultivation so that it is already, under his capable management, one of the finest farms in the neighborhood. Mr. Gustafson met with a notable success in his enterprise from the outset, and is now looked upon by his fellow-townsmen as one of the cleverest agriculturists hereabout. He has developed large markets for his products in this region, and does at the present time a very large and remunerative business. Mr. Gustafson, although he has never taken an active part in politics, nor had any ambition for public office, has always been keenly interested in public questions of the day, both local and national, and has always discharged his duties as a citizen to the full. In religious belief he is a Protestant and attends the Swedish Mission Church at Jamestown, N. Y.

Victor G. Gustafson was united in marriage, Sept. 4, 1886, at Jamestown, N. Y., with Jennie Olive Anderson, born in Sweden, Feb. 27, 1865, a daughter of Frederick and Mary (Johnson) Anderson. Mr. and Mrs. Gustafson are the parents of fourteen children, as follows: Ernest Edward, born March 7, 1888; Paul, born Dec. 19,



1889; Agnes, born Nov. 17, 1890, died June 11, 1901; Victor E., born Oct. 26, 1892; Jennie, born Aug. 4, 1894; Arvid, born July 21, 1896; George, born Aug. 19, 1898; Margaret, born Aug. 20, 1900; Flovia, born Aug. 10, 1902; Lorena, born July 6, 1904; Milton, born July 16, 1906; Evelyn, born Oct. 6, 1907; Iva, born March 8, 1909; Genevieve Elizabeth, born and died March 30, 1911.

**CLAUDE D. TRASK**—The Trasks of Busti herein recorded are descendants of the Trasks of Rhode Island, an ancient and prominent family. Eben Trask, great-grandfather of Claude D. Trask, was born in Rhode Island, Jan. 12, 1754, and there married, in Smithfield, Huldah Reed. In the year 1800 he moved to Oneida county, N. Y. He had a large family of children, one of whom, Elijah, settled in the town of Busti, Chautauqua county, N. Y., he the father of Silas Trask, and grandfather of Claude D. Trask. Silas Trask was born in Busti, and there spent his life, a cooper by trade and a farmer. He married Clarissa Way, and they were the parents of Claude D. Trask, now a farmer of the town of Busti.

Claude D. Trask was born in the village of Busti, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Jan. 10, 1862, and was educated in the public schools. He spent his youth on the farm, but later located in Jamestown, where he spent eighteen years of his life, then returning to the town of his birth, where he owns and cultivates a good farm. He is a member of the Patrons of Husbandry, the Methodist Episcopal church, the Knights of the Maccabees (Jamestown), and in politics is a Republican.

Mr. Trask married, in Busti, Dec. 4, 1895, Mary A. Banks, born in England, March 14, 1865, daughter of John and Sarah Banks. Mr. and Mrs. Trask are the parents of a son, Alba B., born Jan. 12, 1901, who resides at the home farm with his parents.

**AUGUST HANSON**, who, with his industrious sons, has successfully developed some good farming property in the Gerry district of Chautauqua county, N. Y., where the family has become prosperous and respected, is a native of Sweden, although he has lived the greater part of his life in this country. Since he came to the United States, and to Chautauqua county, August Hanson has had a worthy record of honest, industrious and productive effort, and for long has enjoyed a reputation for integrity, both moral and material. He has raised a worthy family, and his sons have indicated that they possess much of the commendable characteristics which have carried him, despite many discouragements in early life, to substantial financial competence.

August Hanson was born in Sweden, Dec. 16, 1852, and as a boy attended the public school of his native place. His parents had a small agricultural holding in Sweden, and in his early days August used to help till the family property. But as he grew to manhood he became possessed of a desire to do as so many other young men of his country had done, and had prospered by so doing, that is, to emigrate to the new country across the seas. So many men of Swedish birth had come to America, and so many had done well, that it was only to be expected that knowledge of such happenings would have a very influential effect upon a venturesome young

man, whose home condition was not what might be considered bright. The future in Sweden was of limited scope for him, it appeared, and he was possessed of that confident spirit which made him feel that he would do well in America. So, to America he came in May, 1871, coming almost immediately to the Jamestown district of Chautauqua county, N. Y., where he had no difficulty in finding employment. He married a countrywoman, Martha Johnson, and reared as he had been upon a farm he eventually felt that desire for farm life so strongly that he eventually gave up industrial occupations and purchased a farm.

His marriage to Martha Johnson occurred in the First Lutheran Church, Jamestown, Oct. 25, 1882. And their union has been blessed by the birth to them of eight children, who by name and in the order of their coming were: Jalmar, who lives with his parents, and owns a good farm adjoining that of his father; Arbay; Eva; Ellen; Josephine; Henry; Carol; Arthur. The farming of the family property in Chautauqua county is now done mainly by the sons, who seek to save their father all the heavy tasks possible in his declining years, and as a family they have gained general esteem among their neighbors.

The Hansons are members of the Lutheran church, and since August Hanson first came to America he has held membership in some church of that faith. He is an earnest Christian, and has many times during his life indicated that he observes strictly and conscientiously the teachings of that faith. In political allegiance, he is a Republican, but he has not taken an active part in political affairs and he has never sought, neither has he accepted, public office, although he has manifested an unselfish interest in all that makes for the betterment of the community. Many men of Swedish origin have reached worthy success in Chautauqua county, but generally it has been in connection with some manufacturing enterprise. The success of August Hanson, by the honest, intelligent tilling of the soil, is therefore all the more noticeable and just as commendable.

**AUGUST A. ANDERSON**—Now just in life's full prime and one of the substantial farmers of the town of Harmony, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Mr. Anderson reviews a life which began in Sweden, March 30, 1863. There he was educated, and passed the first years of his life. He then came to the United States and located in Chautauqua county, N. Y., where he is now the owner of the acres he tills. The farm lies in the town of Harmony, and is a well improved property, well stocked and well managed. Mr. Anderson is a member of Panama Lodge, No. 272, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Panama Grange, Patrons of Husbandry; is a Republican in politics, and a member of the Baptist church.

Mr. Anderson married, Oct. 28, 1885, in Harmony, Iona Pier, born May 14, 1866, daughter of Silas and Ellen (Sackett) Pier, of Harmony, her father a farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are the parents of eight children: 1. Dorothea M., born Nov. 23, 1886; a graduate nurse; married Lieut. Carroll Hutchins, who entered the military service and went overseas during the World War; both are yet in the employ of the United States Government. 2. Grace E., born Feb. 12, 1889; married William Howes, and has a son, William J., and resides in

New Mexico. 3. Augusta L., born June 16, 1891. 4. Margery M., born Oct. 15, 1893; married Alfred C. Davis, and has two children: Eva G. and Dorothy; this family resides in Shanghai, China, Mr. Davis being in the export and import business. 5. Eunice B., born Oct. 16, 1895; married Claude Cartwright, and resides in West Hoboken, N. J. 6. Christine O., born Nov. 26, 1900, died while in training at W. C. A. Hospital, Jamestown, July 14, 1920. 7. Theodore, born March 28, 1905. 8. Holland B., born April 21, 1910. The elder children were all given the advantages of education and all are graduates of high class institutions. The younger children are receiving the same advantages.

**ALBERT ANDERSON**—Among the many successful farmers of Swedish origin in Ellicott township, Chautauqua county, N. Y., none is more prominent or highly respected than Albert Anderson, who has been engaged in agricultural operations in that region for a number of years. Mr. Anderson was born in Sweden, Jan. 24, 1877, a son of M. Andrew and ——— (Abraham) Anderson, also natives of that country. The elder Mr. Anderson was also a farmer for some eighteen years, and during the remainder of his life followed mining as an occupation.

His son, Albert Anderson of this sketch, came to the United States as a lad and here attended the common schools of Chautauqua county, N. Y., and obtained an excellent general education. Upon completing his studies he took up farming, and later became the owner of his present property, cultivating the soil and making a notable success in his chosen work. He has taken advantage of the great agricultural opportunities offered in the region of his adoption, and has grown to be one of the substantial citizens of the community. He also takes a keen and active interest in the general life of the neighborhood and keeps himself abreast of the questions of the day. He is a Republican in politics, but has never been ambitious nor sought for public office of any kind. He is a member of the Home Protective Society and the local Grange. Mr. Anderson is a man of strong religious beliefs and feelings, and is a valued member of the congregation of the Swedish church in Ellicott township, as are also the members of his family.

Albert Anderson was united in marriage, Nov. 27, 1902, at Falconer, N. Y., with Celia Nelson, a native of Jamestown, N. Y., born Oct. 21, 1879, a daughter of Carl August and Jonah M. (Johnson) Nelson, the former a successful cabinetmaker of that city. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, as follows: Mildred I. M., born Aug. 3, 1903; Albert Leo Carlous, born Feb. 8, 1905; and Florence Lydia Elaine, born July 30, 1910.

**WILLIAM M. SMITH**, a farmer of Ellington, Chautauqua county, N. Y., was born in Randolph, N. Y., March 16, 1863, a son of Royal and Charity (Kibby) Smith, who were respected residents of that town.

William M. Smith accompanied his parents upon their removal to the town of Carroll, N. Y., where he attended the district school for a number of years. Since then he has devoted his attention to farming, his operations being conducted on a farm in Ellington. He has always been a staunch supporter of the Republican party,

and he is a member of the Ellington Grange, as is also his wife. On Nov. 2, 1883, at Frewsburg, N. Y., Mr. Smith married Edith Olson, daughter of Lars Olson, a respected resident of that vicinity, her mother having died shortly after they came to this country, when Edith was a young child. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith, namely: 1. Goldie A. 2. Myrtle C. 3. Wesley W., born June 19, 1893; he enlisted in the regular army, Aug. 29, 1917, as a private in the 39th Regiment of Regular Infantry, and spent one year in France and Germany; he was honorably discharged, May 24, 1919. 4. Royal A., born May 2, 1900; he enlisted in the regular army, June 25, 1917; was transferred to the 5th Machine Gun Battalion, was sent to France with the American Expeditionary Forces in September, 1917, was wounded at Chateau-Thierry, June 15, 1918, and died June 20, 1918, in Base Hospital No. 30, at Royan, France, thus making the supreme sacrifice for his country.

**GEORGE RHINEHART**—Among the younger farmers of the town of Busti, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Mr. Rhinehart has gained honorable standing as a man of energy and ability, actuated by a worthy ambition to act well his part in the battle of life. His farm, on Rural Delivery Route No. 79, is well located and under his management yields freely in return for the labor expended.

George Rhinehart was born in the town of Gerry, Chautauqua county, N. Y., April 28, 1882. He was educated in the public schools, and has been engaged in farming for five years. He moved to his present farm in the town of Busti, in March, 1920, and there conducts general farming operations very successfully. He is a Republican in politics, a member of the Patrons of Husbandry, and the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Rhinehart married, Sept. 12, 1905, Isabelle Hall, born Dec. 25, 1881, daughter of Frank and Elnora (Carnahan) Hall, of Falconer, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Rhinehart are the parents of five children: Nathan, born June 1, 1906; Glen, born Aug. 13, 1908; Burdette, born Jan. 4, 1912; Margaret, born Jan. 11, 1915; and Elnora, born Dec. 9, 1918.

**CARL R. NELSON**—The county of Chautauqua, N. Y., owes no small amount of its material wealth and prosperity to the thrifty, hard-working and intelligent people of Sweden, who have settled here in great numbers and taken an active and successful part in many different departments of enterprise. Especially is this true in the agricultural realm, in which so many men of Swedish birth or parentage have participated, their farms in practically all cases being models of well kept and highly cultivated properties, a credit alike to their owners and to the communities where they are situated. Such, for example, is the place of Carl R. Nelson, of Jamestown, N. Y., who for nearly two decades has operated a highly successful dairy farm within the city limits, and who from small beginnings has worked his way up to a position of high respect and influence in his adopted city. Mr. Nelson is a son of Oscar and Amanda (Erickson) Nelson, of Sweden, and was born in that country, Nov. 4, 1855. He came to the United States alone at the age of 16, settled in Chautauqua county, N. Y., where he received his education at the local country schools, attend-

ing these institutions for a number of years. His father was a farmer by occupation, and the lad learned agricultural methods in the school of experience, assisting the elder man as a member of a hardworking family, all of whom were expected to do their share in supplying the family needs. After his schooling had been successfully completed, Mr. Nelson continued to follow farming as his chosen calling and eventually engaged in it. In 1910 he became the owner of his present fine property, which he has since consistently cultivated and kept in a high state of productivity. For two years he devoted himself to general farming, but in 1904 he began to specialize in dairying, and now (1920) for the past sixteen years, has exclusively concerned himself with that line. He began about the same time to develop a milk business in the city of Jamestown, and in this has met with notable success, having now the largest milk route in the place. His enterprise has thriven wonderfully and his success, which is due entirely to his own efforts and intelligence, has given him a high standing among the merchants of the city. Mr. Nelson is one of those men who, however successful, never lose sight of the interests of others in their own projects, and has always maintained an interest in the general welfare of the community and in the lives and affairs of his fellow-citizens generally. He takes part in the social life of Jamestown, and is a well known figure in fraternal circles, being a valued member of the Order of Eagles. In politics he is a Republican, and he attends the Lutheran church.

Carl R. Nelson was united in marriage, at Jamestown, with Hannah E. Johnson, a native of Sweden, a daughter of Andrew and Eva (Denburg) Johnson, who are residents there to this day. One child has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Nelson, Charlotte.

**HENRY THEODORE PETERS** was born in South Dayton, Cattaraugus county, N. Y., Dec. 16, 1866, son of Theodore and Christine Peters, his parents, born in Germany. Henry T. Peters was educated in the public schools of South Dayton, and after leaving school became a farmer, being now the owner of a good farm in the town of Cherry Creek, near the village of Cherry Creek. He is an energetic, capable farmer and through his industry has won success. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and a Republican in politics.

By his first marriage Mr. Peters has a son, Henry David Peters, who enlisted in the United States Navy, July 3, 1918, and while not on active duty, is held on the payroll. Henry T. Peters married (second) Oct. 8, 1910, in Cherry Creek, Mrs. Selma (Müller) Stuart, a widow, born Oct. 9, 1867, in Germany, daughter of Laurence and Regina (Blumenstahl) Müller. Mrs. Peters came to the United States in 1892, and by her first marriage has a son, Clinton Laurence Stuart, who enlisted, went overseas with the American Expeditionary Forces, took part in nineteen skirmishes and battles, and was honorably discharged, May 8, 1920, with the rank of corporal.

**QUINCY O. PARKER** is one of the prosperous farmers of the town of Ellery, Chautauqua county, N. Y., his father before him a farmer of the town of Ellery, where Quincy O. Parker was born Aug. 11, 1859, son of Aaron H. and Sarah (Miller) Parker. He spent his

youth in Ellery, there attended public school, and later was a student at Jamestown High School. He early began farming on his own account, and is one of the prosperous, substantial men of his town. He is a Democrat in politics, but takes no active part in public affairs, devoting himself to his private business affairs.

Quincy O. Parker married, in Ellery, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Dec. 31, 1885, Mary Frances Hale, born in Ellery, Dec. 31, 1864, daughter of John and Mary (Brownell) Hale, the Hales one of the old families of the town of Ellery, and descendants of Robert Hale, who came to Cambridge, Mass., in 1632. Mr. and Mrs. Parker are the parents of twelve children: Alton H., born April 9, 1887; Ervin G., born April 4, 1889; Carl Q., born Aug. 25, 1890; Mary F., born March 9, 1892; Earl J., born June 15, 1893; Archie A., born Dec. 9, 1894; Mark M., born April 30, 1896; Orin H., born Sept. 24, 1897; Wayne, born Jan. 24, 1899, died May 25, 1900; Claude, born April 10, 1900; Charles N., born April 9, 1901; Maude S., born Sept. 26, 1904.

**CARL ALBERT ANDERSON**—In the year 1894, at the age of seventeen, Carl A. Anderson, now a farmer of the town of Ellicott, came to the United States and located in Jamestown, N. Y. More than a quarter of a century has since elapsed and the lad of seventeen is now a successful dairy farmer, a business he operates on Lake View Dairy Farm. He is a son of John August and Christine (Peterson) Anderson, natives of Sweden, his father a farmer.

Carl A. Anderson was born in Sweden, Nov. 17, 1877, and there spent the first seventeen years of his life. He was educated in the State schools, and was his father's farm assistant until 1894, when he came to the United States and found a home in Jamestown, N. Y. There he was engaged as a butcher for eight years, but since 1902 he has been a farmer, his farm in Ellicott, Jamestown, R. F. D. No. 77, now being operated chiefly as a dairy, he maintaining a herd of thirty-five cows. He has been very successful and rents a well improved farm. He is a member of Lakewood Lodge, No. 628, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, is a Republican in politics, and in religious faith affiliated with the Swedish Lutheran church.

Mr. Anderson married, Aug. 11, 1905, at the Gustavus Adolphus Orphanage, in Jamestown, Jennie M. Gustavus, theirs the first wedding to occur at the Orphanage. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are the parents of three children: Ruth Marie, born Jan. 12, 1907; Helen Alberta, born Aug. 4, 1911; and William Carl born Oct. 18, 1912.

**WILLIAM MEE**, who is well known as one of the most successful and prosperous farmers in the region of Jamestown, Chautauqua county, N. Y., is a native of Leicestershire, England, where his birth occurred Jan. 15, 1843. Mr. Mee is a son of William and Ann (Corah) Mee, the former a prosperous farmer, both in England and in Western New York, whither the elder Mr. Mee came while yet a young man.

William Mee, of this sketch, passed only the first few years of his life in England, and was brought by his parents to the United States while yet a small boy. He



settled with them in Chautauqua county, N. Y., and as a lad attended the local public schools in this region, showing himself to be an intelligent and industrious student while there. Upon completing his studies at these institutions, Mr. Mee assisted for a time his father in the work upon the latter's place and there gained not only a complete knowledge of modern agricultural methods, but the fine health and strength which has been his possession ever since. In the year 1883 Mr. Mee became the owner of a fine farm near Jamestown, which he has since kept in a high state of cultivation and where he raises stock for dairying purposes, disposing of the milk and butter to the local dealers in the region. Mr. Mee is also a well known figure in financial circles hereabouts, and is affiliated with the Chautauqua County Bank of Jamestown. In addition to his private business activities, Mr. Mee is a conspicuous figure in the general life of the community, and is a staunch supporter of the principles and policies of the Republican party. In his religious belief he is a Methodist and attends the Wesleyan Methodist Church at Levant.

William Mee was united in marriage, April 11, 1875, at Levant, N. Y., with Josephine Kent, a native of that place, born June 22, 1853, a daughter of Ira W. and Lucy Ann (Neate) Kent, old and highly respected residents there. Mrs. Mee's death occurred April 19, 1919. Mr. and Mrs. Mee were the parents of six children, as follows: Anna, born, May 3, 1879; William W., born Sept. 23, 1883; Thomas W., born May 21, 1887, met his death in an accident, Sept. 30, 1890; Clarence R., born June 30, 1889; Raymond, born Jan. 15, 1894; and Mary A., born April 11, 1898.

**PHILIPP ALBERT MENGES**—During the period Alsace-Lorraine was under German sovereignty and rule, Mr. Menges was born, his father, Henry Menges, and his mother, Salome (King) Menges, also being natives of Alsace-Lorraine, now restored as a result of the World War to its right place among the provinces of France. Mr. Menges was a man of twenty-four when he came to the United States, and here he has proved to be a man of industry and versatile ability. His wife, Angeline (Carpenter-Leonard) Menges, is a granddaughter of Morrison Carpenter, the Carpenters being early settlers of the town of Harmony, Chautauqua county. Josiah Carpenter, from Rensselaer county, N. Y., purchased in 1808 about 1,000 acres in township 1, range 12, southwest of Ashville. In 1811 he located on his purchase and built his log cabin, his sons also selecting sites on the same tract.

Henry Menges, born in Alsace-Lorraine, served his time in the French army, after which Alsace-Lorraine became a German province. He then served the required years in the German army as an infantryman, after which he held a position under the government as road superintendent for fifty years. He married a girl of the province, Salome King, and in Alsace-Lorraine their son, Philipp A., was born. This son came to the United States and later found a home in Chautauqua county, N. Y.

Philipp Albert Menges was born in Alsace-Lorraine, Aug. 27, 1888. He obtained a good common school education in the German schools of the province. He then traveled through different states of Europe, then served

in the scouting cavalry for three years and became a colonel. In 1912 he came to the United States. He investigated the resources of different States and was employed in varying ways. He finally chose farming as his occupation, and is one of the prosperous young farmers of the town of North Harmony. He cultivates a farm of 117 acres, once owned by Orange C. Leonard, who died Nov. 18, 1914, leaving a widow, who is now Mrs. Philipp Albert Menges. Mr. Menges is a general farmer, but specializes in live stock, having a fine herd of registered Ayrshire cattle. He is a member of the Patrons of Husbandry, attends the Seventh Day services, and in politics is an independent.

Mr. Menges married, in the village of Panama, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Oct. 19, 1918, Angeline (Carpenter) Leonard, born in Harmony, N. Y., Oct. 16, 1876, daughter of Herbert and Eliza Ann (Jennings) Carpenter, and widow of Orange C. Leonard.

**ANDREW JACKSON McMILLAN**—In 1902 Andrew J. McMillan bought the farm property on Fairmount avenue, town of Ellicott, Chautauqua county, N. Y., and there lived the life of a contented, substantial, retired farmer. He is a son of John L. and Pamela (Van Dusen) McMillan, his father born in Warren county, N. Y., but later was a farmer of Poland, Chautauqua county, N. Y.

Andrew J. McMillan was born in the town of Poland, Chautauqua county, N. Y., April 28, 1845, and from the time of his leaving school until his retirement, was continuously engaged in farming. He was successful in his farming operations, and the tract he bought in the town of Ellicott in 1902 he greatly improved. His post-office address is Jamestown, R. F. D. No. 77, his home on Fairmount avenue outside the city limits. He is a Republican in politics, a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and of the Patrons of Husbandry. Mr. McMillan married (second) April 16, 1913, Emma L. Morey, born Feb. 6, 1861, in the town of Harmony, Chautauqua county, N. Y., daughter of Emerson Wood and Sarah Ann (Adams) Morey, her father a farmer of Harmony, N. Y.

**ANDREW W. BENSON**, a prosperous farmer and land owner of the town of Ellicott, Chautauqua county, N. Y., was born in Sweden, Feb. 3, 1854, son of Bentz Benson and his wife, Inga Cajsa (Olson) Benson.

He was educated in Swedish schools, and all his active years have been devoted to farming. He came to the United States in 1873, and made Chautauqua county, N. Y., his home. He owns his farm in the town of Ellicott, and has won an honorable name and standing among his neighbors of the town. He is a Republican in politics, a member of the Patrons of Husbandry, and of the First Lutheran Church of Jamestown.

Mr. Benson married, in Jamestown, Dec. 31, 1878, Christine Lyon, born in Sweden, Dec. 26, 1847, daughter of Sven Isaac and Bertha (Peterson) Lyon, both born in Sweden. Mr. and Mrs. Benson are the parents of two daughters and one son: Anna Matilda, born May 2, 1880; Minnie Elizabeth, born April 23, 1882; and Oscar Emil, born March 14, 1885. Anna Matilda, the eldest daughter, married Van Curt Eggleston, and they are the



parents of six children: Edward, Helen, Caroline, Alice, Robert and Mahlon. Minnie Elizabeth, second daughter, married Lambert Cornelius Wimmermark. Oscar Emil, only son, married Florence C. Carlson; one daughter born to this union, Virginia Clarice.

**CHARLES A. PETERSON**—When twenty years of age, Mr. Peterson, a skilled art metal worker, came from his native Sweden to the United States, finding home and employment in Jamestown, N. Y. Thirty-seven years have since elapsed, years of successful effort, which have brought him substantial return. Jamestown is yet his place of business, but his residence, built by himself in 1917, is on Chadokoin avenue, Celoron. He is a son of Peter and Sophia (Anderson) Peterson, both born in Sweden.

Charles A. Peterson was born in Sweden, Oct. 1, 1863, there passed the first twenty years of his life, and obtained a good public school education. He came to the United States July 4, 1883, and located in Jamestown, Chautauqua county, N. Y., there becoming a skilled art metal worker, a line of activity which he yet continues. He is a member of the Swedish Lutheran church, and in politics is a Republican.

Mr. Peterson married, July 6, 1883, in Busti, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Ida Josephine Swanson, born in Sweden, Feb. 15, 1861, daughter of Svan B. and Sophia (Nichols) Swanson. Mr. and Mrs. Peterson are the parents of six children: Selma M., Carl E., Henry, Gust Waldemar, Lily Sophia Victoria, and Nada I. M.

**CHARLES W. ANDERSON**, now a farmer of the town of Busti, Chautauqua county, N. Y., was born in Sweden, Jan. 13, 1866, a son of Charles Carroll and Bettie Anderson, of Sweden. He spent the first seventeen years of his life there. He came to the United States in 1883, and until 1888 was located in the town of Ellery, Chautauqua county, where he engaged in farming. He then spent two and one-half years in the same business in the town of Kiantone, going thence to Jamestown, that city being his home until 1908, when he bought and moved to his present farm in Busti. He is a Republican in politics, and a member of the Swedish Lutheran church and of the Patrons of Husbandry.

Charles W. Anderson married (first) Sept. 22, 1892, Edith Welhelmina Bergstrom, daughter of John Bergstrom and his wife, both born in the United States. She was born in Jamestown, N. Y., Sept. 6, 1873, and died Dec. 24, 1904. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson were the parents of two children: Irene V., born Feb. 29, 1896, and Coralyn W., born Jan. 28, 1901. Charles W. Anderson married (second) in Jamestown, Dec. 21, 1912, Anna L. Hector, born May 31, 1881, in Sweden, daughter of John and Charlotte S. (Carlson) Hector, both born in Sweden. John Hector came to the United States in 1891 and settled in Sheffield, Pa.

**FRANK LORD**, one of the most energetic and successful citizens of Ellicott township, Chautauqua county, N. Y., where he is engaged in farming and threshing operations, was born in that place, April 11, 1890. His grandfather, Richard Lee, was one of the early residents of this region, and married Sarah Harrington, of Dun-

kir, N. Y. At the death of Richard Lee she married Joseph Pratt, whom she also survived, and is still residing at the old Lee homestead in Ellicott township. Mr. Lord's parents were Samuel and Agnes (Lee) Lord, both natives of this region, where the former carried on agricultural operations for many years.

The childhood of Frank Lord was passed on his father's farm in Ellicott township, and he there learned the occupation of his father and attended the local common schools. Upon reaching manhood he took up farming for himself, and his farm he has always kept at a high state of productiveness. While never taking an active part in local politics and never seeking public office of any kind, Mr. Lord is keenly and intelligently interested in the questions of the day and is a staunch supporter of the Republican party. He is a member of the Christian church at Fluvanna, which he attends with the members of his family.

Frank Lord was united in marriage, Feb. 10, 1909, at Jamestown, N. Y., with Jennie Bottomley, of that city; she was born at Niles, Ohio, a daughter of John and Sarah (Stubbs) Bottomley, both natives of England.

**AUGUST J. LAWSON**—A half century ago (1870) this branch of the Lawson family came from Sweden and found a home in Chautauqua county, N. Y. Nelse P. Lawson, a native of Sweden, a farmer, and his wife, Minnie (Carlson) Lawson, coming with their little daughter, Sophie, and infant son, August J., in that year, locating in the town of Busti.

August J. Lawson was born in Sweden, June 20, 1869, and died at Lakewood, town of Busti, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Dec. 16, 1919. He never knew any other home than a Chautauqua county farm, and he received his education in the schools of Busti. He early began the business to which he devoted his after life, that of farming. He prospered as the result of energy and application, and became the owner of a good farm in section 23, town of Busti, upon which he resided until about a year before his death, when he bought a fine residence at Lakewood. He was a member of the Swedish Lutheran church, and a man thoroughly respected by all who knew him.

August J. Lawson married, in Ashville, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Sept. 27, 1899, Velma Ecker, born July 11, 1881, in the town of Harmony, N. Y., daughter of Delos B. and Alice (Tanner) Ecker, granddaughter of Reuben Ecker, and great-granddaughter of Peter Ecker, who in 1831 settled on the farm in Harmony now owned by his grandson, Delos B. Ecker, who there resides (1920). Mr. and Mrs. Lawson were the parents of two sons: Donald E., born Aug. 25, 1902, and Robert D., born Aug. 21, 1905. Mrs. Lawson survives her husband, and with her sons now lives at Lakewood.

**ERNEST J. HANSON**—As the owner of 225 acres of good farm land in section 30, town of Harmony, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Mr. Hanson finds that time does not hang heavy on his hands. He employs on his farm all modern aids and labor-saving devices, even to the newly introduced tractor which does the work of several men and horses. By such methods, Mr. Hanson has been enabled to keep his farm cultivated, the scarcity

of labor being largely overcome by mechanical aids. He is of Swedish birth and parentage, son of Benght and Anna (Swenson) Hanson.

Ernest J. Hanson was born in Sweden, July 5, 1884, but since 1902 has been a resident of Chautauqua county, N. Y. He was educated in public schools, and from his father, a farmer, he gained an intimate knowledge of correct farming methods. He purchased his present farm in Harmony, and in 1918 purchased an adjoining property, the two farms now totaling 225 acres, devoted to general farming purposes. He is also road commissioner for his district, and is highly respected in his community. He is a member of the Patrons of Husbandry, a communicant of the Methodist Episcopal church, and politically a Republican.

Mr. Hanson married, in Stedman, N. Y., July 17, 1906, Ruth Rachel Dickson, born Sept. 10, 1885, at Open Meadows, town of Harmony, N. Y., daughter of Harvey and Aurilla (Matson) Dickson, her father born in Vermont, her mother in Ashville, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Hanson are the parents of six children: Garda D., born July 27, 1907; Mary J., born July 6, 1908; Aurilla Anna, born Aug. 6, 1910; Hilda E., born May 11, 1912; Mabel D., born June 11, 1914; Elwood J., born June 2, 1918.

**SUMNER M. HAZZARD**—In 1898 Mr. Hazzard, then a young man of twenty-seven years, bought the farm in the town of Busti, Chautauqua county, N. Y., on which he yet resides. The years have brought him prosperity, and the farm with its modern buildings and improvements show the careful, energetic and progressive nature of its owner. Sumner M. Hazzard is a son of Cyrus and Jane (Hurd) Hazzard, his father a farmer, who at the time of the birth of his son Sumner M. was living in Allegany county, N. Y.

Sumner M. Hazzard was born April 10, 1871, and was educated in the public schools. He early became his father's assistant, and when he finally left home he was well informed in practical farming. In 1898 he married and brought his bride to his newly purchased farm in the town of Busti, section 45. There he yet resides, a substantial farmer and honored citizen. He is a Republican in politics, a member of the Patrons of Husbandry, and of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Hazzard married, in Busti, June 15, 1898, Nellie M. Brookmyer, born Nov. 24, 1875, in Busti, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Rutherford) Brookmyer, her father born in Scotland, her mother in Belfast, Ireland. Mr. and Mrs. Hazzard are the parents of four children: Ariel, born Jan. 14, 1900; Harold, born July 31, 1904; Donald, born Sept. 14, 1910; and Robert, born Nov. 28, 1917.

**MRS. ATTILLA FITCH**—Among those who have been successfully engaged in agricultural activities in the neighborhood of Westfield, Chautauqua county, N. Y., should be mentioned Mrs. Attila Fitch, a well known and prominent resident of this place who occupies a high place in the respect and esteem of the entire community. Mrs. Fitch is a daughter of Ira and Laura (Knapp) Button, old and highly respected residents of Westfield, where the former conducted the first inn in Chautauqua county, N. Y., also engaged in farming during the generation just past.

Mrs. Fitch was born Nov. 26, 1849, at Westfield, and as a child attended the local public schools, where she obtained her education. She graduated from the Westfield Academy with the class of 1868, and later in life took up the occupation of farming on a place in the neighborhood, of which she became the owner in the year 1872, meeting with success. Mrs. Fitch now disposes of her produce in the local markets, and has developed a large and remunerative business in this line. In addition to her agricultural activities, Mrs. Fitch is prominent in the social and club life of Westfield and is a member of the Monday Club and the Literary Society of Westfield. In religious belief she is a Methodist and attends the church of that denomination here.

Mrs. Fitch was united in marriage, Dec. 16, 1869, with Joseph Fitch, a son of Turner and Electa (Clark) Fitch, who are well known in these parts.

**OTTO F. JOHNSON**—Born on a farm in far-away Sweden, son of John M. and Caroline (Anderson) Johnson, and reared to farm labor, Otto F. Johnson, in his youth came to the United States, and is now a farmer of the town of Ellicott, Chautauqua county, N. Y. By industry and thrift, Mr. Johnson has made a home for himself, and owns the small farm he cultivates and causes to bountifully produce. Otto F. Johnson was born in Sweden, May 20, 1885, and there obtained his education. He came to the United States in 1905, and has since that year worked at his trade of cabinetmaker and engaged in farming. He is a member of the Patrons of Husbandry, and of the Swedish Mission church. Mr. Johnson married, in Jamestown, July 6, 1916, Albertina Hansen, born in Sweden, April 27, 1888, daughter of Swan S. and Johanna (Zakow) Hansen. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are the parents of two children: Dorothy June, born June 3, 1917; and Vivian E., born April 10, 1919.

**FRED FAY**—Among the citizens of Brocton, Chautauqua county, N. Y., should be mentioned Fred Fay, who has resided in the region of this town for many years and is an influential member of the community. Mr. Fay is a member of an old and highly respected family which has resided in these parts during a long period, and is a grandson of Nathaniel Fay, who came to Portland in the spring of 1806, in company with his brother Elisha. He was a son of Nathaniel Fay, Sr., of Westboro, Mass., and was born at that place, Jan. 25, 1785. Upon coming to Chautauqua county, he purchased a farm of 200 acres, June 10, 1810, a portion of which is still in the possession of his grandson. He married, July 17, 1816, Lydia Barnes, a daughter of Calvin Barnes, one of the early residents of Portland, and the young couple took possession of a log cabin built by Nathaniel Fay and completed Dec. 23, 1816. He was a man who stood high in the esteem of his fellow-townsmen, and was noted for his integrity and fair dealing to such an extent that he was elected to a number of public offices, including that of supervisor. He took part in the War of 1812 and was present at the battles of Black Rock and Buffalo. By occupation he was a farmer. He was a staunch member of the Universalist church. In early life he was affiliated with the Democratic party but later, at the time of its organization, he joined the Republican ranks. His death occurred May 15, 1853, and that of

his wife, Sept. 4, 1872. One of their children was Franklin Fay, the father of the Mr. Fay of this sketch, who was born June 4, 1820, and married Catherine Bowdish, by whom he had four children, as follows: Kitty, who became Mrs. E. N. Ecker, of Brocton; Frank, born Oct. 13, 1858; Fred, mentioned below; and Carl.

Fred Fay was born at Brocton, N. Y., where his parents were residing, Feb. 19, 1861, and as a lad attended the local public schools. Upon completing his studies he assisted his father with the work upon the latter's farm, and since that time has been continually engaged in this occupation and has made his home on the old family homestead, in a dwelling which superseded the original log cabin and was built in the year 1841.

**FLETCHER J. HALLADAY**, an enterprising and successful farmer, representative of the younger generation of Chautauqua county agriculturists, is the owner of a good farming property in Ellicott township, and since his marriage has applied himself with praiseworthy steadiness and productive energy to well-directed farming, in which many modern methods have place. He is keenly interested in all things appertaining to agriculture, and gives close attention to all developments of scientific farming.

He was born in Ellicott township, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Feb. 6, 1888, one of the three children of Alonzo and Margaret A. (Northup) Halladay. The others of his generation of the Halladay family are his sisters, Mabel L. and Florence L. His father, Alonzo Halladay, was a farmer, long associated with Ellicott township, having held the office of town supervisor and also county superintendent of the poor, and his mother was of a Busti family, so that he comes of two good Chautauqua county families. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and also of the local Grange. He was well educated, passing through the graded schools and graduating from the Jamestown High School, and later taking an agricultural course at Cornell University. Politically, he is a Republican, but up to the present has not manifested any keen desire to enter actively into political matters, at least, those of national scope. He naturally follows with interest the local public movements, and in community social affairs he and his wife take good part.

Mr. Halladay was married, in Ellicott, June 26, 1912, to Sarah A. Neate, daughter of Menzo W. and Blanche W. (Ames) Neate. She was born July 7, 1887, and has become the mother of the following children: Fletcher J., Jr., born Sept. 27, 1914; Jane, born Feb. 18, 1916; Marian L., born June 14, 1919. Mr. and Mrs. Halladay are unselfish, public-spirited, neighborly and well-liked members of the community, and attend the Methodist church.

**CHARLES P. JONES**, son of John and Caroline Jones, was born on a farm in Sweden, Sept. 17, 1859, and there was educated. After coming to the United States he settled in the town of Busti, and yet resides upon his farm in section 62. He is a member of Busti Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, and the First Lutheran Church, his political faith, Republican.

Charles P. Jones married, in Jamestown, N. Y., March

18, 1886, Christine Staflund, born in Sweden, May 17, 1858, daughter of Peter and Caroline Staflund. Mr. and Mrs. Jones are the parents of a daughter, Alice Lillian, born Aug. 24, 1890, and a son, Frank W., born March 20, 1894, a veteran of the World War; he entered the United States army, Sept. 27, 1917, and after training, was sent overseas, where he served at the front with the American Expeditionary Forces, being in the front line trenches during three periods of hard service; he was in France one year and in the United States service twenty months, receiving honorable discharge; he resides at the home farm in Busti with his parents.

**FRANK JAMES HARTER**—Born in the town of Harmony, Mr. Harter later became a resident of Busti, and in that town the farm which he owns and cultivates is situated. Frank J. Harter is a son of James Perkins and Emmeline (Hawkins) Harter, his father born in Iliion, N. Y., his mother in Harmony.

The years have brought Mr. Harter a reward for his energy and persevering effort, and he is one of the respected men of his section.

Frank J. Harter was born in the town of Harmony, Chautauqua county, N. Y., July 20, 1854. He was educated in the public schools, and became his father's assistant at an early age. Later he became a farmer and is now the owner of a farm in section 10, town of Busti. He is a Republican in politics, member of the Patrons of Husbandry, and the Methodist Episcopal church.

He married, in Busti, Nov. 26, 1879, Abby Jane Goulding, born in the town of Villenova, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Oct. 29, 1855, daughter of Homer and Nancy Ann (Lucas) Goulding. Mr. and Mrs. Harter are the parents of a daughter, Hattie Ann, born July 28, 1882, married, in Frewsburg, N. Y., May 30, 1906, to Ralph Northrop, and they have two children: Norman Harter and Marion Florence Northrop.

**LESLIE ADDISON FARNHAM**—Among the many successful agriculturists of Ripley and vicinity, N. Y., none is more prosperous than Leslie A. Farnham, who, although not a native of that State, has resided there for the greater part of his life, his parents removing there when he was a young child. He was born in Winona, Minn., Dec. 23, 1887, a son of Archoles Kenny and Lura Eloda (Kelly) Farnham, the former named having been a carpenter and wagonmaker by trade, and a veteran of the Civil War, having served during the entire period of that conflict, four years.

Leslie A. Farnham attended the district schools of Portland township, Chautauqua county, N. Y., whither his parents removed from Minnesota, and his entire active career has been devoted to farming. At first his operations were conducted on farms which he rented, but in 1916 he became the owner of the farm on which he is now living, which comprises ninety-two acres, fifty of which are under cultivation, five acres being planted with grapes, making a promising vineyard, the remainder being pasture and woodland. His stock consists of fine specimens of cows, hogs, horses and chickens. His church affiliation is with the Methodist Episcopal denomination, and his political allegiance is given to the Republican party.



Mr. Farnham married, in Ripley, N. Y., March 18, 1912, Juva May Lanphere, daughter of Howard Vernon and Sarah Jane (Meeder) Lanphere. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Farnham, as follows: Laurence Everett, born Nov. 30, 1913; Thelma May, born April 19, 1916; Forest Edward and Noris Edwin, twins, born Aug. 23, 1918; and Merie Agnes, born March 17, 1920.

**FREDERICK NELSON** is one of the men of Swedish birth who found opportunities for advancement in Chautauqua, which they improved, and under American conditions have gained position and influence in the community in which they settled. Jamestown, N. Y., was the city where his widowed mother, Clara Caroline Nelson, settled upon coming to the United States in 1880, Frederick Nelson being then six years old.

Frederick Nelson was born in Sweden, June 28, 1874. He attended the public schools of Jamestown, N. Y., and in course of time entered the worsted mills, where he is yet (1920) employed as a warper. He early began investing his savings in land, and on Aug. 20, 1906, completed and moved into his own house on Maple street, Celoron, N. Y., a fine property, standing on one of the many lots he owns on that street. He is a member of Ellicott Lodge, No. 221, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Jamestown; is a past noble grand of same and a past chief patriarch of Chautauqua Encampment, No. 54, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; a Republican in politics, and affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Nelson married, Dec. 24, 1897, Elizabeth Catherine Luce, born May 5, 1876, in Saegerstown, Pa., daughter of Cyrus De Long and Jeannette (Payne) Luce, her father born in Tidjoute, Pa., her mother born in Crawford county, Pa. To them one daughter has been born, Beatrice Catherine, born June 10, 1899.

**PETER KOFOD**—Reared to a life out-of-doors Mr. Kofod, on coming to the United States, continued the same line of work which he had followed in Denmark, and after seventeen years of life on another man's farm, he moved to his present home, one of the good farms of the town of Harmony, which he first occupied in 1913. Peter Kofod is a son of Andrew and Julia (Hanson) Kofod, both natives of Denmark, the father a farmer.

Peter Kofod was born in Denmark, Dec. 29, 1866, and there was educated and taught the secret of successful dairy farming. Upon coming to the United States he settled in Chautauqua county, N. Y., becoming a farmer of the town of Harmony in the Ashville district. In 1903 he bought his present farm, but did not occupy it himself until 1913. Since that time he has operated his farm as a dairying enterprise and has been very successful. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and of the Patrons of Husbandry.

Mr. Kofod married, in Jamestown, N. Y., Feb. 28, 1896, his cousin, Anna Kofod, born in Denmark, May 4, 1877, daughter of Hans and Olena (Hanson) Kofod. Mr. and Mrs. Kofod are the parents of nine children: Karl Harold, born March 23, 1897; Agnes, born April 12, 1899, married Philip Simmes, and resides in Ashville, Chautauqua county, N. Y.; Ella M., born March 31,

1901; Arthur H., born Jan. 29, 1903; Theodore W., born July 5, 1905; Mabel E., born July 26, 1907; Donald E., born March 1, 1910; Mildred D., born April 22, 1912; and Kenneth C., born Oct. 13, 1915.

**CHARLES EDWARD NOLAN**—One of the most progressive and scientific of the younger farmers of Chautauqua county, N. Y., is Charles Edward Nolan, born April 7, 1881.

Mr. Nolan attended the local public schools as a lad and later the high school, where he established an excellent record as an industrious and intelligent scholar. Upon completing his studies at the latter institution, Mr. Nolan took up farming as an occupation and became the possessor of his present farm. He has been exceedingly successful in this enterprise, and by indefatigable industry has brought his property to a fine state of cultivation. Mr. Nolan has always been interested in public issues, both local and general, and is an earnest supporter of the principles and policies of the Republican party, of which he is one of the leading members hereabouts. He is a member of the local Grange and is exceedingly interested in the activities of this body. In religious belief he is a Methodist.

Charles Edward Nolan was united in marriage, Nov. 25, 1899, with Elizabeth May Bagg, a daughter of Elihu and Anna (Wilbur) Bagg.

**JOHN F. BERGGREN**—In 1915 Mr. Berggren bought the farm upon which he resides in Fluvanna, town of Ellicott, Chautauqua county, N. Y., and has there gained good standing among his townsmen as a man of industry and good character. John F. Berggren was born in Sweden, Feb. 3, 1869. He was educated in public schools, and in his early life learned the tinner's trade. He abandoned that business for agriculture and is now engaged in farming in Ellicott. He is a member of "First Swedish Hundred Members Society" and of the Swedish Baptist church.

Mr. Berggren married, in Sweden, March 29, 1889, Matilda Tunell, born in Sweden, Sept. 24, 1868, daughter of Axel and Frederika (Johnson) Tunell. Mr. and Mrs. Berggren are the parents of six children: Hannah, born June 30, 1891; Axel W., born Feb. 22, 1893; Elin, born Jan. 21, 1895; Hedwig M., born April 14, 1897, died April 17, 1897; Harold, born Feb. 20, 1899, died Feb. 18, 1900; and Mildred, born Dec. 7, 1903.

**LYNN HOMER RUBLEE**—Born on a Chautauqua county farm and early inducted into farming process and methods, Lynn H. Rublee chose agriculture for his life work, preparing for it as a young man by courses at the College of Agriculture, Cornell University, and learning the "Why" of the things he was doing and learning how to meet the problems which daily confront the farmer. He is a young man, but a successful one, and owns a farm in section 17, town of Cherry Creek, on the line road between Cherry Creek and Ellington. This farm he bought in 1918, and is there maintaining a fine herd of dairy cows in addition to general farming. He is a son of Leroy and Ida (Capp) Rublee, his father born in the town of Ellington, and a farmer.

Lynn Homer Rublee was born in the town of Elling-



ton, Chautauqua county, N. Y., June 30, 1885. After completing study in Ellington Union School, he attended the New York College of Agriculture, Cornell University, there pursuing two short courses. He then returned to farming and since 1918 has devoted himself to the care and cultivation of his own farm of 120 acres in the town of Cherry Creek. He is a member of the Patrons of Husbandry, the Congregational church, and in political action independent and liberal.

Mr. Rublee married, May 15, 1912, in Ellington, Frances Willard Laurence, born in Ellington, April 21, 1887, daughter of Hiram P. and Mary (Hollenback) Laurence. Mr. and Mrs. Rublee are the parents of three children: Marion H., born Feb. 24, 1913; Laura M., born Aug. 23, 1916; Lawrence H., born July 28, 1918.

**JOHN M. WALKER**—Although a young man, Mr. Walker has established a profitable business in Jamestown, his native city, and in connection with his father owns a property at No. 1259 Main street, which he devotes to market gardening and the growing of plants and flowers, conducting business under the name of Walker & Son. His parents, Herbert and Eva (Moore) Walker, are both natives of England, and upon coming to the United States, in 1883, located in Jamestown, N. Y., where Mr. Walker, in 1908, bought the property which is now No. 1259 Main street.

John M. Walker was born in Jamestown, N. Y., Aug. 17, 1895. He was educated in the public schools, and after leaving high school became his father's assistant and later assumed full charge of the business, which has proved a profitable one. He is a young man of energy, and ambitious to succeed. He is a skilled gardener and florist, and has plans under way for the enlargement of his business in the near future. During the war between the United States and Germany, Mr. Walker entered the service, Oct. 30, 1917, went overseas with the First Division, American Expeditionary Forces, April 1, 1918, saw active service, and was honorably discharged at Camp Lee, Va., May 24, 1919, with the rank of sergeant. He is a member of the First Methodist Church.

Mr. Walker married, in Jamestown, Aug. 14, 1919, Elora B. Hoard, born April 15, 1899, daughter of Albert L. and Myrnell V. Clark, of Jamestown, both her parents born in Chautauqua county, N. Y.

**GUSTAF A. ANDERSON**—After a lengthy and successful career as a merchant, Mr. Anderson retired to the quiet of his farm in Ellicott, which he had purchased in 1901 and built upon it its present residence. He is of Swedish parentage, son of Andrew J. and Matilda (Johnson) Anderson, both born in Sweden, his father a cabinetmaker.

Gustaf A. Anderson was born in Jamestown, N. Y., May 26, 1876, and there was educated in the public schools, finishing in high school. He began business life in a mercantile house in Jamestown, and from 1900 until 1919 he was engaged as a grocer and dry goods merchant in Jamestown. He then retired to the farm which he now operates. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Jamestown, the Patrons of Husbandry, and in politics is a Republican.

Mr. Anderson married, June 28, 1905, at Niagara Falls,

N. Y., Vivian R. Hall, born Nov. 2, 1888, in Lottsville, Pa., daughter of John Andrew and Johanna C. (Faust) Hall, her father born in Pennsylvania, her mother in Sweden. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are the parents of four children: Fleda, born April 7, 1900; Genevieve, born Sept. 11, 1911; Marion, born March 1, 1916; and Lucille, born Dec. 7, 1918. Mrs. Anderson organized the Ellicott Mothers' Club, No. 10, the first club of its kind in the rural districts of Chautauqua county, and served as its president four years. She also takes an active part in community affairs.

**WALTER T. CORNELL**—The Cornells of this review descend from an old family of Cattaraugus county, N. Y., Walter T. Cornell being a grandson of Roswell Cornell, and a son of William Z. Cornell, both born in New Albion, Cattaraugus county, N. Y. William Z. Cornell married Violetta Walters, also born in New Albion, and among their children was a son, Walter T. Cornell, born April 24, 1858.

Walter T. Cornell was educated in the public schools, finishing at Randolph High School. He has made farming his life business and has been very successful, now owning a good farm in the town of Ellicott, Chautauqua county, N. Y., upon which he resides. He is a Republican in politics, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Cornell married, in Salamanca, N. Y., May 2, 1883, Jessie B. Thompson, born Aug. 29, 1860, daughter of Jonathan C. and Mary (Christian) Thompson. Mr. and Mrs. Cornell are the parents of eight children: 1. Millard, born Jan. 15, 1885; married Grace Williams, and has a daughter, Alice Cornelia. 2. Glen W., born Aug. 23, 1887; married Eva Taylor. 3. Earl, born July 13, 1890; married Maud Haas, and has three sons: Robert, Donald, and Harold. 4. Florence B., born Nov. 2, 1893. 5. Robert B., born Dec. 3, 1895; married Teluretta Rhuel, and has two daughters, Sylvia and Arline. 6. Marie M., born May 11, 1900. 7. Chrystal B., born June 9, 1904. 8. Ruth, born Aug. 6, 1907.

**JAMES P. NELSON**—The life of James P. Nelson, although a comparatively short one, was lived on two hemispheres, his birthplace the Kingdom of Sweden, his marriage, and death at the age of forty-two occurring in Chautauqua county, N. Y., United States of America.

James P. Nelson was born June 10, 1852, spent the years of his youth and early manhood in Sweden, rendering the required three years of military service in the Swedish army. Upon coming to the United States he took up his residence in Jamestown, N. Y., engaged in farming and so continued until his death there, May 15, 1894. He was a member of the Swedish Lutheran church, and was identified with the Republican party.

James P. Nelson married, in Lakewood, N. Y., Aug. 12, 1883, Alma Charlotte Peterson, born Nov. 18, 1865, in Sweden, daughter of Nelson and Sophia Peterson. Mrs. Nelson survives her husband and resides with her eldest son, Frank C., in her own home on Lakewood road and Wellman avenue, town of Ellicott, near Celoron. Children: 1. Frank C., born in Jamestown, N. Y., May 24, 1884; now resides with his mother at the home in Ellicott, and is engaged in business in Jamestown as

shipping clerk with the Jamestown Table Company. 2. Florence Elizabeth, born in Jamestown, April 3, 1886; became the wife of Carl B. King, and they have three children: James Sidney, J. Charlotte and Helen May King. 3. Clarence, born in Jamestown, July 3, 1889; joined the American army, went overseas, and saw in all two years' service, ranking as corporal; married Mae Wood Daugenbaugh. 4. George E., born in Jamestown, March 6, 1892; joined the American army in 1917 and saw two years' service at home and overseas, ranking as supply sergeant; married Viola Gertrude Smith.

**THOMAS C. HOLMES**—One of the prominent figures in the life of Chautauqua county, N. Y., where he has been actively engaged in business for a number of years, is Thomas C. Holmes, who is justly regarded as one of the most substantial and influential citizens of the community. Mr. Holmes is a native of England, born in Lancaster, Sept. 13, 1859, a son of Jonathan and Mariah (Johnson) Holmes, residents of that place, where the former was engaged in business as a teamster and jobber for many years.

The lad received his education at a local school, and after completing his studies was employed in a number of callings in his native land, where he remained until he had reached the age of forty years. He then came to the United States, and for the following four years worked at the trade of comb making, a craft he had learned in Lancashire. At the end of that period he engaged in his present business, which he has continued with a high degree of success ever since. Mr. Holmes is a supporter of the principles of the Republican party, consistently discharging the obligations of citizenship, although he has never been ambitious for public office. He is an Episcopalian in religious belief.

Thomas C. Holmes was united in marriage, Nov. 14, 1884, at Yorkshire, England, with Jane Elizabeth Oaks, a daughter of Robert Philip and Elizabeth (Claxton) Oaks, and they are the parents of three children, as follows: Nellie, Maria Elizabeth and William.

**LUDWICK JOHNSON**—In Sweden, June 18, 1889, Ludwick Johnson was born, son of Munson and Charlotte Johnson, his father a farmer. The lad attended school and helped at farm labor, becoming familiar with the business which he has followed since coming to the United States—agriculture. His farm is in the town of Ellicott, Chautauqua, N. Y., and he is one of the prosperous young farmers of his district. He is a Republican in politics, and a member of the Swedish Lutheran church.

Mr. Johnson married, in Jamestown, Bertha Swanson, born in Sweden, July 17, 1881, daughter of Blas and Marie (Johnson) Swanson, her father coming to the United States and settling in Jamestown, where he died in 1919. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are the parents of two children: Mildred and Gerald.

**ALLAN J. NORMAN**, one of the most prosperous and successful farmers of Charlotte township, owns and operates a fine farm in Charlotte Center, and is quite extensively engaged in raising stock. A man of good business and executive ability, as well as a practical

and progressive agriculturist, he has met with gratifying success with his work and ranks today among the substantial men of his community.

Mr. Norman was born in Charlotte township, July 8, 1866, a son of John Christopher Norman, of direct English descent. Jeremiah Norman, grandfather, was born in Surrey, England, June 24, 1808, receiving his early training in the schools of that country. Here he grew to manhood, and until he emigrated to America, worked there as an artistic gardener. After his arrival in this country in 1830, he settled in New York City, where he followed the trucking business. He remained there for nearly twenty years, and in 1851 removed to Chautauqua county, and located in Charlotte township, where he purchased 170 acres of farm land, and engaged in general farming and dairying. In 1870 he removed to San Pablo, Cal., leaving the farm in charge of his son, and there spent the remainder of his life. He died in 1875 and is buried at San Pablo. In politics, Mr. Norman was a Democrat, but he never cared for office, preferring to devote his time to his home and business interests. He was a member of the Congregational church in Sinclairville, where he was prominent in all its social as well as business affairs.

On Oct. 11, 1831, Jeremiah Norman was united in marriage with Frances Pringle, who was born Aug. 23, 1805. She also died in California and is buried there with her husband. To this union were born seven children: Mary Elizabeth, born July 15, 1832; John Christopher, see forward; Alexander, born Aug. 12, 1837; Jeremiah, born Jan. 17, 1840; William Henry, born July 31, 1842; Frances Ann, born Oct. 15, 1844; and James, born Aug. 30, 1848.

John Christopher Norman, son of Jeremiah Norman, was born in New York City, May 25, 1835. During his boyhood he attended the public schools there, and at the age of sixteen came with his parents to Chautauqua county. Here he aided his father in cultivating the home farm until 1870, when his father removed to California. He then took charge of the place and business interests connected with the estate of his father, continuing in this occupation for nearly thirty years. In 1900 he retired and went to live with his son, Allan J. Norman. He died Dec. 8, 1903, and is buried in Charlotte Center Cemetery, Chautauqua county, N. Y. Politically, Mr. Norman was a staunch Democrat. Fraternally, he was a prominent member of the United Order of Workmen, and the Grange at Sinclairville and Charlotte Center.

Mr. Norman married (first) July 15, 1862, Loretta Griswold, of Arkwright, Chautauqua county, N. Y., a daughter of Ellsworth Griswold. She died July 15, 1870, and is buried in Arkwright Cemetery. By this union there were three children: William E., born April 12, 1864, who resides in Sinclairville, N. Y.; Allan J., see forward; and Elizabeth, who died in childhood. Mr. Norman married (second) Amelia Trussler, by whom he had three children: Frances, who married Clayton Damond; Emma, who married Allen Damond, and who resides in New York City; and Carrie, who died in infancy.

Allan J. Norman, son of John Christopher and Loretta (Griswold) Norman, received his education in the public schools of his native township, and Sinclairville High

School. After completing his school years, he assisted his father on the farm. He continued in this occupation until 1890, when he bought the Lake farm of forty acres and started in farming for himself. Mr. Norman raises considerable stock, and he has a fine herd of pure-bred Holstein cattle of which he makes a specialty. He is an excellent judge of stock, and being a practical and progressive farmer, he has met with success in the occupation which he has chosen for his life's work. Mr. Norman is a Democrat in politics, but in local affairs votes for the men and measures that he thinks are for the best interests for all the people. He has served two terms as justice of the peace, and is secretary of the Chautauqua County Farm Bureau. Paternally, he is a member of Charlotte Center Grange, No. 669, and was master and lecturer of that institution for a number of years. Mr. Norman is also a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and is active in all its social as well as business affairs, being a trustee of the same.

On June 3, 1896, Mr. Norman was united in marriage with Grace Smith, a daughter of Milo and Mary (Cole) Smith, of Sinclairville. To this union have been born four children, as follows: Loretta, who died in infancy; Frank E., born Sept. 1, 1900, educated at Syracuse and Cornell Universities; William L., born April 16, 1903, educated at Cornell university; Ada, born Oct. 30, 1908, now attending the public school of Charlotte township.

**ALBERT J. KENT**—Like his brothers and sisters, Albert J. Kent was associated with the W. L. Kent Creamery, No. 23 Market street, a business founded by William L. Kent and successfully conducted by him until his death. A biographical sketch of William L. Kent appears elsewhere in this work.

Albert J. Kent, son of William L. and Maude E. (Polley) Kent, was born in Blackville, town of Harmony, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Jan. 26, 1888. He was educated in the public schools, and from boyhood was associated with his father in the milk business. He was a driver for the W. L. Kent Creamery, but is now engaged in business on his own account. He is a Republican in politics, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Kent married, in Orange, N. J., Feb. 11, 1911, Eva May Werner, born in Orange, Dec. 27, 1893, died July 1, 1920, in the hospital at Jamestown, never recovering from an operation she underwent there. She was a daughter of Max and Mary (Groom) Werner, her father born in New York City, her mother in Canada. Three daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Kent: Dorothy, born Jan. 14, 1913; Eunice E., born May 17, 1915; Phyllis, born Aug. 8, 1917.

**GEORGE FREEMAN HITCHCOCK**, who during the last decade has been steadily and successfully farming a good acreage in the Westfield and Ripley districts of Chautauqua county, has the enviable distinction of having reared four sturdy sons who were willing and went, when the national call to arms came in the Great War just ended. Four sons given to fight for the national ideal, and four sons safely returned with honorable discharge after the terrible fighting was ended and the victory won, is about the acme of satisfaction that a patriotic father could have. And since George F.

Hitchcock has been in the county, he has shown himself to be worthy of place among the representative and responsible agriculturists.

He was born in Humphrey, Cattaraugus county, N. Y., Feb. 19, 1862, the son of Freeman and Ann M. (Dye) Hitchcock. His father was an industrious farmer of that place, and George F. was one of nine children, four sons and five daughters. He was educated in the district school nearest to his home, and after leaving school gave his entire time, for many years, to the execution of tasks arising in the operation of the parental farm. Eventually, he became an independent farmer, purchasing a property, fifty acres in extent, near that of his father. Later, he sold the property to advantage, and in or about 1910 came into Chautauqua county, settling in Westfield, where for two years he worked for Henry Allen, and for a like period acted as farm steward, or caretaker, for Dr. Walsh. In 1914 he purchased from Rachel McDowell the farm of ninety acres in Ripley township, upon which he has since lived. It is a good property, well adapted to general and dairy farming, and has substantial modern barn and house, and since he took the property over it has been maintained in an expert, up-to-date manner, Mr. Hitchcock being an industrious and skillful agriculturist.

Mr. Hitchcock has shown close interest in matters relating to agriculture, and is one of the active members of the local Grange; he is also a member of the Dairymen's League.

Politically, Mr. Hitchcock is a Republican, although his interest in national politics has not been so keen as in local affairs; he has never sought political or public office, and generally has been more disposed to give his time and thought to matters of production than of discussion. During the World War, while his four sons were away from home and in the military forces of the Nation, he strove to do his part by holding in good cultivation the acreage he controlled, thus cooperating with the government in its endeavor to bring an increasing surpluse of foodstuffs from American soil to aid in supporting the allies until the hour of victory. And as far as he was able, he contributed loyally to the funds promoted to meet the needs of the Nation in the war.

He married (first) Margaret McCurre, daughter of John and Mary Ann (Wyman) McCurre, of Humphrey, Cattaraugus county, N. Y., which marriage took place at Humphrey, Oct. 5, 1886. He married (second) Mrs. Margaret Galloway, daughter of David and Rose Ferguson, of Westfield, Chautauqua county. He is the father of seven children, all born to the first marriage, among them his four sons of worthy war record. The children, in order of birth, were: 1. John, born at Humphrey, educated in schools of that place, eventually entered the army when war came. 2. George, whose history is similar to that of his elder brother, has, since his return from the war, purchased, in conjunction with his younger brother Freeman, a farm of forty acres in Chautauqua county. 3. Daniel. 4. Charles, also a veteran of the World War. 5. Ann, who married Walter Teamley, a successful Westfield farmer. 6. Freeman, the fourth son to join the army during the war, and to see war service. 7. Henry.



The national war record of the Hitchcock family is noteworthy, and the personal record of George Freeman Hitchcock, in its relation to Chautauqua county agriculture, has been commendable. He has proved himself to be a good farmer, industrious and able, and by his responsible and productive effort has contributed his full quota to the maintaining of the county in satisfactory progress. He is a good neighbor, and has made many friends since he came into the county. The family attend the Presbyterian church, and have been consistent in support of church work, and interested in the general public movements within the community.

**PATRICK HENRY GARRITY**—A resident of Jamestown since 1908, Patrick Henry Garrity takes a keen and active interest in the manufacturing and business life of that city, and he displays the same careful consideration that characterized all his early activities with the affairs of his former connections. He was born in Johnsonburg, Pa., March 30, 1883, his father, Thomas Garrity, being a contractor in railroad constructional work; he was many years in the employ of the B., P. & R. Railroad, with headquarters at Johnsonburg, and passed away Feb. 22, 1889, when his son Patrick H. was only six years old. His wife, Anna Garrity, is still living in Johnsonburg.

Patrick H. Garrity obtained a very good education in the grammar and high schools of his native town, leaving school when seventeen years old to enter the service of the Erie Railroad. He was in the transportation and traffic department, where he remained for sixteen years, located at Johnsonburg and Bradford, Pa. In April, 1908, he was appointed local freight agent for the Erie Railroad at Jamestown, N. Y., continuing in this position for seven years and six months. On Oct. 1, 1915, Mr. Garrity accepted the position of treasurer with the F. M. Curtis Company, having charge of the office and the selling and credit department. He retains this occupation at the present time. Mr. Garrity is active in the work of the Board of Commerce and in the Manufacturers' Association of Jamestown. He is a past grand knight in Jamestown Council, No. 926, Knights of Columbus, and this is one of his special activities, being one of the leaders of the association. He is also deeply interested in his church, the Roman Catholic Church of SS. Peter and Paul. A great reader and a constant student, Mr. Garrity finds the greatest pleasure in his books. He is deeply interested in all publications which have a bearing upon commercial life, while his lighter reading is given to books of travel and the upbuilding of cities and their inhabitants, biographies of prominent men, and descriptive literature of a high grade.

In Johnsonburg, Pa., Sept. 20, 1905, Patrick Henry Garrity was married to Elizabeth Frances McCormick, the daughter of John McCormick, who was at one time engaged in the making of sulphur and acids. He is now retired from active work and lives at his home in Johnsonburg. Mr. and Mrs. Garrity have no children. Mrs. Garrity is a member of the National Order of the Daughters of Isabella, being a trustee of the National Association. Mr. and Mrs. Garrity make their home at No. 33 Chestnut street, Jamestown.

**MAGNUS ANDERSON**, for many years an enterprising and successful farmer in Kiantone township of Chautauqua county, N. Y., and well regarded in that place, was born in Sweden, Nov. 7, 1852. He was educated in the public school of his native place, and came to America at the age of twenty-two years. Soon after landing, he settled in Jamestown, N. Y., and prospered. Eventually he purchased a farming property in Kiantone township, and since that time has resided there, industriously and intelligently farming his acreage to good advantage. He has lived a steady, unostentatious life, and is a hospitable and helpful neighbor, generous in his support of all projects that pertain to the well-being or the advancement of the community in which he settled. He has much improved his farming property, and has a comfortable home.

In political matters Mr. Anderson gives allegiance to the Republican party, but he does not enter actively into national politics; however, in the public affairs of his community, he has taken a marked interest, independently, however, of whether a man he approves for a certain local office is a Republican or a Democrat. In all matters bearing upon agriculture he takes close heed, and has adopted many modern methods and appliances upon his farm. He is a member of the local Grange. In church matters he is consistent and conscientious, observing in his daily life and business dealings a high code of Christian conduct.

Mr. Anderson married (first) Christine Magnison, who died and left four children: Olga, who became the wife of George Cedarquist; Minnie, deceased, the wife of David Sundell; Arthur, who married Esther Miller; and Clarence, who lives at home. Mr. Anderson married (second) Feb. 18, 1905, Jennie M. Nelson, daughter of G. A. and Matilda Nelson, and they have three children: Marguerite, born Dec. 14, 1907; Richard, born March 27, 1909; and William, born Feb. 2, 1912.

Magnus Anderson has held the sincere respect and friendship of many people of Kiantone township since he came into it to reside, by his responsible industry and his commendable private life.

**ROSCOE B. MARTIN**—Prominent among the citizens of Forestville, N. Y., is Roscoe B. Martin, assistant cashier of the First National Bank, and a resident of the community for the past two years.

Joseph B. Martin, father of Roscoe B. Martin, was born in Silver Creek, and for fifty years carried on a machinery business for the cleaning of grain, and was very successful. He married Rose Bermond, and they became the parents of the following children: 1. Alta R., a resident of Buffalo, N. Y. 2. Dow, deceased. 3. ———, now Mrs. Charles T. Howson, of Silver Creek, N. Y. 4. Roscoe B., mentioned below.

Roscoe B. Martin was born Aug. 27, 1880, at Silver Creek, N. Y., the son of Joseph B. and Rose (Bermond) Martin. He entered the public schools of Silver Creek when a young lad and passed through the consecutive grades to his graduation from the local high school, entering upon his business career at this time as a traveling salesman for a wholesale grocery house and subsequently becoming purchasing agent for the S. Howes Company at Silver Creek, with whom he was associated





MR. AND MRS. MAGNUS ANDERSON



until 1918, when he was appointed assistant cashier of the First National Bank at Forestville, which position he still holds at the present time. In politics, Mr. Martin is a Republican and takes a keen interest in the activities of the organization. He affiliates with the Masonic fraternity and is also a member of the Chautauqua Historical Society and of the Motor Boat Club.

With a vigorous and luminous intellect, Mr. Martin combines strength of character and a genial disposition. This union of traits explains in large measure his success. He is a close student, keeping fully abreast of modern thought, and possesses the high esteem of the general public.

On Aug. 9, 1911, Roscoe B. Martin was united in marriage with Inez May Armstrong, daughter of John C. and Nellie (Hawkins) Armstrong. They have no issue.

**GEORGE HENRY SINDEN**, well regarded resident of Ripley, Chautauqua county, N. Y., and for forty years a responsible and progressive farmer in that district, was too young to take part in the Civil War, but he enlisted in the national military forces a few years after the end of that terrible devastating struggle and saw much service on the frontier, in Kentucky, Kansas and Wyoming, during a time when the Indian unrest was such that the frontiersmen needed to keep unceasing vigilance. And since he left the national service, in 1876, and returned to Ripley, he has shown commendable characteristics of steadiness and industry, which have brought him a security both in material wealth and in sincere friendships within that community. He has taken a leading part in agricultural affairs, an active part in public affairs, and a consistent, conscientious part in church work and maintenance.

He was born in Mina, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Nov. 5, 1849, the son of William and Phoebe (Birch) Sinden, of that place. He was educated in the district school nearest to his father's farm, and was only eleven years old when the Civil War began. He saw his elder brother, James William, march off to war, and young as he was, he seriously thought of endeavoring to go also. However, that was impossible, and he had to continue his schooling. His soldier brother was a member of Company F of the famous 111th New York Regiment, and eventually died of sickness at Pittsburgh. Another brother, Charles Edward, later took a farm at South Dayton, N. Y., where he still lives. Denied service during the Civil War, because of his youth, George H. Sinden, as a growing boy, still longed for military service, and eventually, when he had reached the age of nineteen years, enlisted at Buffalo in the Fourth Infantry. He was assigned to Company G and sent to Governor's Island, N. Y. During the following seven years he saw some adventurous service on the frontier, going from Lexington, Ky., to Frankford, thence to Paducah, Ky., later to Little Rock, Kan., and eventually to Fort Sanders, Wyoming. Those districts were at that time practically on the outskirts of civilization, and Mr. Sinden would no doubt be much interested in visiting the localities in this day, and in noting the great change that has taken place in the meantime. He received his honorable discharge from the army in 1876, and returned to his native county, taking up work upon

his father's farm of 125 acres in Ripley. Upon that property, which since his father's death he has owned, he has lived ever since, and into it he has put the best effort of his years of vigor. Most of the improvements upon the farm were executed by him; he remodelled the homestead; built a modern barn, commodious and substantial; and in many other ways enhanced the value of the property and the productiveness of the land. He has worked the farm upon approved methods, introducing many modern methods into his operations. He has always been keenly interested in all things that relate to agriculture, and has been one of the most active members of the local Grange, of which he is still overseer.

Politically, Mr. Sinden is a Republican, but he has not given national political campaigns the active support he has at times manifested in local affairs. He has never sought political office, but might have been elected to many local offices had he so wished, for he is popular and respected in his district. He has always felt that he was better employed in attending to matters of production upon his farm than in matters of discussion in the State, county, or local administration. He has, however, performed the duties of tax collector. Religiously, he is a Methodist, and has been a steady, consistent and conscientious supporter, both in personal work, and financial contribution, of the local church. And in community work he has always indicated a lively interest, in his younger days taking much part in social movements, and at all times he has shown a readiness to financially support all worthy community projects.

Denied, as he was, participation in the Civil War, he still was destined to give his country war service, not in military capacity, but in a capacity just as valuable and most practical. During the great World War just ended, at a time when the government sought to interest all patriotic American farmers in the purpose of the administration to, if possible, sustain the allies of this country upon the surplus yields of foodstuffs from American soil, Mr. Sinden entered with a will into the project, paying close attention to the prevention of waste upon his farm, and to the cultivation of every possible acre. The result of the combined effort of patriotic American farmers, and the effect it had upon the successful ending of the war, is well known; and every man who contributed to that result is entitled to individual record of that participation. Mr. Sinden also contributed, to the limit of his means, to the various national funds raised for the purposes of the Nation in the war, so that he may be considered to have done his part for his country during the war which was so stupendous that nations, not only national armies, were called upon to fight.

In Ripley, Mr. Sinden married Mary Nockton, daughter of Owen and Anna (Ireland) Nockton, of Ripley. Her parents were of British birth, her father having been born in Ireland, and her mother in England. To George Henry and Mary (Nockton) Sinden have been born four children, who in order of birth are: 1. Le-vula, who married Fred West, a prosperous farmer at Cassadaga, N. Y. 2. Charles William, who married — Hawkins; since leaving school he has aided his father in the operation of the farm. 3. Velma, who

married Gilbert Stetson, a well known farmer of Ripley. 4. Edith, who married Bert Haug, also an industrious farmer. Owen Nockton, father of Mrs. George H. Sinden, was at one time a tanner at Meadville, Pa., and Mrs. Sinden is one of the five children born to her parents, her sisters and brother being Margaret, Ella, Elizabeth, and Henry.

Reviewing the life activities of George Henry Sinden, they show him as a man of stalwart, courageous purpose, of earnest, patriotic spirit, of energetic, steady, industrious inclination, and of thoroughness in his actions. He is widely known among agriculturists of that section of the county, and generally respected. His seventy years of connection with Chautauqua county have been such as to make his place a good one in this historical record of worthy Chautauqua county men.

**MELFORD STEVENS**—For twenty years, 1900-1920, Mr. Stevens has been superintendent of the Lakewood Ice Company, a Jamestown corporation with offices in the Bank of Jamestown building and plant on the shores of Lake Chautauqua, near Celoron. Mr. Stevens is of German birth and parentage. He left his native land and made his home in the United States, becoming a resident of Chautauqua county, N. Y. He is a son of John Stevens, who lived and died in Germany, as did also his wife.

Melford Stevens was born in Germany, March 30, 1857. He there attended public school until coming to the United States. He was variously employed until 1900, when he became superintendent of the Lakewood Ice Company, a position he yet most acceptably fills (1921). He married, in Oil City, Pa., Anna Nelson, born in Denmark, Jan. 25, 1854, daughter of Lawson and Hannah Nelson, both born in Denmark. Mr. and Mrs. Stevens were the parents of two daughters, one deceased. The family home is on Jackson avenue, in the village of Celoron.

**CLIFTON D. HOLLENBECK**, who for many years has been successfully engaged in agricultural operations in Ellicott township, Jamestown, Chautauqua county, N. Y., and who is one of the well known and highly esteemed citizens of the community, is a native of the neighborhood where he is dwelling at the present time. He is a son of Daniel and Delia (Williams) Hollenbeck, the former a native of Germany, from which country he came at an early age to the United States and settled in this region, marrying a lady who was born here. He was in turn a son of an earlier Daniel Hollenbeck, who was the founder of the family in this country, and a pioneer settler of Ellicott township.

Clifton D. Hollenbeck was born on his father's farm, April 13, 1870, and during his childhood and youth divided his time between attending the local public schools and working at less difficult jobs about the home place. He thus learned two lessons at once, and upon his graduation from the Jamestown High School took up the agricultural pursuits of his forbears as his own career in life. From 1887 until 1896, a period of nine years, he spent in the State of Washington. He is now the owner of a fine farm in Ellicott township,

Jamestown, the high state of cultivation and productivity of which is the direct result of his indefatigable industry and expert knowledge of his work. Mr. Hollenbeck has given liberally of his time and energy to the public life of Jamestown, and has served his fellow-citizens with disinterestedness and devotion as assessor of the township of Ellicott. He is a member of Mt. Tabor Lodge, No. 780, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Jamestown, and of the local Grange. Mr. Hollenbeck attends the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Jamestown, of which his wife is a member.

Clifton D. Hollenbeck was united in marriage, March 10, 1897, at Jamestown, with Minnie Strunk, like himself a native of Ellicott township, born Aug. 3, 1872, a daughter of William Frank and Edna A. (Parker) Strunk, who were born here May 7, 1840, and Sept. 19, 1845, respectively. The Strunk family is an old one in this neighborhood, and Mrs. Hollenbeck's grandparents, William and Jane (Vanbleek) Strunk, were old and highly respected residents of Ellicott. Mr. and Mrs. Hollenbeck are the parents of two children, as follows: F. Parker, born April 18, 1905, and Edna B., born Nov. 30, 1909.

**FRANK M. ADAMS**, who is well known as a fruit grower in the region of Fredonia, Chautauqua county, N. Y., and an active and public-spirited citizen, is a native of that town, born on the old Adams homestead, Sept. 29, 1860, a member of one of the old pioneer families of the county.

Bishop Adams, paternal grandfather of Frank M. Adams, was a native of Massachusetts, and came from that State in early days to Arkwright Hills, but looking down upon Lake Erie he decided to go thither and ascertain if there was any better land there, not so hilly and rolling, so he traveled through the forest, encountering many Indians, but they were friendly and sent one of their number to guide the party to the lake, and upon arriving there the Indian told them there was good hunting and fishing there. Mr. Adams purchased from the Holland Land Company 320 acres, paying for the portion that was partly cleared \$15.00 per acre, and for the remainder, \$6.00 per acre. He earned the money for same by cutting down the trees, burning them in one large fire, saving the ashes, which he converted into lye and took to Buffalo, N. Y., on an old flat boat, built by an old minister and himself, the former having come there to find a place to rear his family of nine boys, two of whom died with consumption. He started a school which was located about one and a half miles from their home, and the boys went to school barefooted, carrying their shoes and stockings with them, putting them on after reaching the school house. They grew into manhood, became a strong lot of men, and after laying their father to rest, they sold out and went West. David Adams, father of Frank M. Adams, then a boy of twelve years, went to school with them. He often received letters from the boys after they settled in the West, which seemed far away then, but was only in Cleveland, Ohio, where they started a lumber mill, built a large barge and took the lumber to Buffalo, the greater part being white oak, which was used to build boats and railroad ties. The region was



at that time a complete wilderness, and through the almost endless forests ranged the Seneca Indians, the most western of the Five Nations of the Iroquois, which were unquestionably the bravest and fiercest of all the tribes of savages with whom the white settlers came in contact. Nothing, however, daunted these hardy pioneers, who made it their task to clear the great forests and turn the fruitful country into prosperous farms, a brush with the natives being a frequent incident in the day's work. Bishop Adams took his part in this labor and cleared ninety-eight acres of his tract, the remainder being uncleared, and later he left this for another tract of virgin forest consisting of ninety-one and one-quarter acres located at Pomfret, now Fredonia. This, with the aid of his son, he also cleared, and the fruitful farm which resulted from their labors remains in part in the possession of their descendants.

David Adams, son of Bishop Adams, received his schooling, as aforesaid, and accompanied the family upon their removal to Pomfret, where he grew to manhood, devoted his time and energy to agriculture, and eventually inherited the old farm. He was a man of mature years when the Civil War broke out, and although he had a family dependent upon him, he enlisted in the Union army and played his part in the great struggle. David Adams married Mary E. Woodcock, who bore him four children, as follows: Florence, Marvin Bishop, Eva; and Frank M., of further mention.

Frank M. Adams passed his childhood upon his father's farm, attended the local public schools during the winter months and assisted with the work on the home farm in the summer months and vacation time. He afterwards was a student in the Fredonia Normal School, from which institution he graduated. Since that time he has devoted himself to the cultivation of fruit, especially grapes, and has met with a notable degree of success in his occupation, being now the owner of one of the finest places in this section. Mr. Adams has always been a staunch member of the Republican party, and has been a factor in local affairs, although he has never held office, being quite unambitious for political distinction. He is a member of the Society of the Sons of Veterans.

Frank M. Adams was united in marriage, May 4, 1880, with Sarah E. Van Whey, of Fredonia, N. Y., daughter of Charles Van Whey, of Fredonia. Mrs. Adams died Feb. 14, 1914. Mr. and Mrs. Adams adopted a daughter, Mildred, who is now (1921) fifteen years of age.

**JAMES DELOS STEVENS**, respected and responsible farmer of Gerry, Chautauqua county, N. Y., comes of a family which has earned place in the historical records of Chautauqua county, N. Y. He is a brother of the young patriot, Joseph Robert Stevens, whose body now lies with those of other national heroes upon French soil, he having made the supreme sacrifice upon the field of battle where America reached her greatest fame, at Chateau-Thierry, thus ending a life which had been full of good promise and much nobility of character.

James D. Stevens was born July 28, 1887, the son of Charles Morris and Frances Henrietta (Sweet)

Stevens, who in later life lived in Gerry, Chautauqua county, N. Y. Charles Morris Stevens, father of James D. Stevens, was born May 19, 1857, and for nineteen years was connected with a business enterprise in the oil fields of Pennsylvania, making his home during that period at Bradford, Pa. Eventually he purchased a farming property in Gerry, and retired from the oil business. Thereafter, he lived in Gerry until his death, Jan. 25, 1911. Charles M. and Frances Henrietta (Sweet) Stevens were the parents of seven children: 1. Alice Ann, born June 21, 1883. 2. Morris L., born Jan. 30, 1885. 3. James Delos, of whom further. 4. George Allen, born Aug. 23, 1889. 5. Charles V., born July 18, 1891, was in the military forces of the Nation during the European War, being called to the colors, July 10, 1918, and assigned to the 338th Machine Gun Battalion, and as such prepared to take his part in the thickest of the fighting, which fortunately ended in 1918. 6. Lee Lovell, born Jan. 21, 1893. 7. Joseph Robert, who gave his life to the cause, born Oct. 25, 1899; he did not wait for the selective draft; he was unencumbered, and full of martial ardor and patriotic spirit, and on July 5, 1917, enlisted in the regular army of the United States, becoming a member of Company I, 23rd Infantry; was with one of the earliest divisions sent overseas, and took part in the earliest European fighting in which American troops were engaged; it was at the famous battle of Chateau-Thierry, July 15, 1919, when the untried American forces met the experienced veterans of the victorious German army in the last terrific drive it made, the drive which was to take it to Paris, and to victory, and his was one of the arms which fought and held, and finally threw back the astonished and stupefied Germans; that, the turning point of the five-year struggle, was a battle which will ever stand out among those of the Great War, will stand out not only in American history, but in the histories of the countries of Europe that were effected thereby; and the Roll of Honor, commencing first with those brave patriots who laid down their lives in that supreme test, and continuing with those who were fortunate enough to be alive when the fighting ceased, will be a roll such as any American family will be proud to think that it has representation therein. Joseph Robert Stevens, however, was among those who gave their lives in that great battle, and his body now reposes in an American cemetery upon French soil, to which cemetery in the succeeding generations countless Americans will make journeys, to honor the heroes of their own Nation, buried in that sacred spot.

James Delos Stevens, elder brother of Joseph Robert Stevens, and third child of Charles Morris and Frances Henrietta (Sweet) Stevens, was educated mainly in the public schools of Gerry, eventually graduating from the Gerry High School. He assisted his father in the operation of the family farm, and at his father's death took over the full management of it. He has taken a good part in the public affairs of the community, and he and his wife have entered wholeheartedly into the various phases of community life. They are well regarded, and of enviable repute. Mr. Stevens is an earnest Methodist, and a loyal member of the local church, substantial in his support thereof. He is closely

identified with the local Grange, and in political matters is a Republican. Fraternally, he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

On June 26, 1916, at Jamestown, James D. Stevens married Ellen, daughter of August and Elizabeth (Fondant) Berggier, of Jamestown. She was born Aug. 14, 1895, and their marriage has been blessed by the birth of one child, James M., born May 10, 1917.

During the World War, James D. Stevens was intensely interested in its progress, and loyally took his share of the financial burden it brought; and when the heart-blow came in the death of his brother, he and his brothers and sisters bore the pain with fortitude, recognizing that in that end the life of one of their own family had been completed nobly, and in the most famous battle in which the American Nation has had part.

**JOHN D. COSTIANES**, who is now in independent business as a confectioner at No. 7 Main street, Jamestown, N. Y., an enterprising young man, was born in Zoupena, Greece, April 15, 1890. He was educated in Grecian schools, equivalent probably to the high schools of this country, and when seventeen years of age came to America to join his father, who was in business as a fruiterer and confectioner at Newcastle, Pa. After a while John D. Costianes left Newcastle and went to Wheeling, W. Va., where his uncle was established in a business somewhat similar to that of his father. He remained with his uncle for some time, learning the business. For a while he attended the high school at Greenville, Pa., and later, for five years, was in business in St. Marys, Pa. In 1917, he came to Jamestown, N. Y., and in August of that year joined his uncle in establishing a confectionery business at No. 7 Main street. In April, 1919, he acquired his uncle's interest in the local business, and since that time has conducted it independently. He is an American citizen, and gives indication of making a success of his Jamestown enterprise.

Mr. Costianes was married, in Pittsburgh, Pa., May 11, 1916, to Antoinette Zabutare. They had two children, one now living, Angeline.

**THE BLACKSTONE MANUFACTURING COMPANY**, the oldest concern in the United States making washing machines for domestic use, is one of Jamestown's oldest and largest industries. It is also the oldest concern in this country making washing machines for domestic use, having a trade that extends over not only all parts of the United States but the world as well. This concern was established in 1871 by the late William A. Blackstone and George V. Blackstone. The present officers are: William M. Blackstone, president; John P. Moynihan, secretary, and Andrew J. Lind, treasurer.

**ORRIN MINER JONES**, one of the most progressive and successful among the younger farmers of Chautauqua, Chautauqua county, N. Y., is a native of the town of Miner, born March 11, 1887, a son of Edgar and Rosa (White) Jones. The elder Mr. Jones was born at Sinclairville, N. Y., and for many years was

the owner of the old Jones homestead, a farm of 160 acres.

About the time of the present Mr. Jones' birth, this region was infested with a terrible plague of grasshoppers which damaged the crops so greatly that the family decided to remove to the West. Accordingly, when he was a lad of about three years of age, they took up their abode in the State of Missouri, where the father continued his agricultural pursuits with success, and it was in the West the son received his education, attending for this purpose the local public schools. Upon completing his studies at these institutions, he assisted his father with the work on the farm and remained thus occupied until he had reached the age of twenty-two years, when he purchased a farm for himself, consisting of forty acres of excellent land, and there carried on general and dairy farming and maintained a herd of thirty-five fine Durham cattle. Here he remained until June, 1919, meeting with notable success in his enterprise, and then purchased a farm of 137 acres at Chautauqua. He is now engaged in the development of this fine property as a dairy farm, and has a fine herd of fourteen Holstein cows which supply him with milk and other dairy products for the surrounding markets. He is an expert farmer and well posted in his calling, keeping himself abreast of all the very latest advances in agricultural methods and theory. He is also actively interested in local public affairs, especially in connection with education, and for four years held the position of director of the School Board, while a resident in Wisconsin. He is a Republican in politics, and is an ardent advocate of the principles of that party.

Orrin Miner Jones was united in marriage, Aug. 24, 1910, with Margaret Jane Walleth, of Wisconsin. Mr. and Mrs. Jones are the parents of the following children: Edna Jane, now a student at school; Lucille Margaret and Vernon Margaret.

**CHESTER RICHMOND SHULTES**, successful farmer, owner of a good agricultural property at Chautauqua, of which place he is one of the responsible residents and substantial taxpayers, is not a native of Chautauqua county, but he may be considered to be among the representative agriculturists of the county, of the older generation.

He was born in Springville, Erie county, N. Y., June 16, 1848, the son of ——— and Eliza (Weeden) Shultes, the former a farmer of that place. Chester R. was educated in the district school nearest to his home, and afterwards spent many years industriously farming the paternal acres. Eventually, he bought a farm of his own, seventy acres in extent, and for many years lived there. Ultimately, however, he came to reside in Chautauqua, this county, having sold his old farm to advantage, and in 1910 purchased the Edward Coleman farm in Chautauqua township. The farm is a good one, 133 acres in extent, and well adapted to general and dairy farming, and Mr. Shultes, having been a farmer all his life, and a man of comprehensive knowledge of things relating to agriculture, has so directed its operation that he has had good return on his investment.

In general characteristics he is a man of commendable thoroughness, and of independent original thought.



*John D. Goodwin*





Upon certain questions, he has evidently delved deeply into fundamentals, for his expressed views indicate a wide knowledge and understanding. He is a Socialist of the true type, which has nothing in common with the forces of disorder by which the designation, socialism, has been brought into disfavor. The true socialism is, and for long has been, practiced in most rural communities, and is based on good fellowship, and in kindly interest one in another. In such actions of community well-being, Mr. Shultes has always been prominent, ready and willing at all times to help forward any project that might promise good results for his own community. In his younger days he was active in personal services in such projects and he has always been known for his generous hospitality. Mr. Shultes has been an active member of the local Grange, which in its functioning fulfils some of the fundamentals of socialism. As a steady successful producer, who is keeping in good cultivation a substantial acreage of agricultural land within the county, and contributing more than the quota of one man to the maintenance in progressive effort of Chautauqua county, he comes into place among the worthy and responsible workers of the county and by his consistent life and fellow feeling has gained many friends among his neighbors, and the general respect of the people of the community.

Mr. Shultes married D. Ida Multen, of Ashville, Cattaraugus county, N. Y., and to them have been born five children: 1. Madge, who became the wife of ——— Whitmire. 2. Lamont, who is now in civil service, attached to the tax department of the State of New York, and making his residence in the State capital, Albany. 3. Glen. 4. Via. 5. Harold.

**CHARLES RATER**, who for seventy-seven years has lived in Chautauqua county, and since early manhood has been a responsible farmer, cultivating for the greater part of the time an extensive acreage in Ripley, has prospered well in his farming and has for very many years been one of the representative agriculturists of that section of the county. He is almost considered to be a native of Chautauqua county, and he might well be so thought, for he was only three years old when his father came to the county and settled and by his actions throughout his adult years Charles Rater has proved himself to be a worthy American, useful, industrious, productive, enterprising, and always responsible, able to make his own way, and to add something to the progress of the community in which he labored. He has been a conscientious churchman, an energetic public official, and an interested and useful supporter of community affairs throughout his life, and has gained the good will and respect of his neighbors, and of other people throughout the county with whom he has become acquainted.

He was born in Germany, June 26, 1830, the son of Henry Rater, who later became a respected and prosperous farmer at Mina, this county. Charles Rater lost his mother when he was very young, and he was only three years old when his father, in 1842, brought the family to the United States. Apparently, Henry Rater was of agricultural occupation in his native land, for as soon as he came to this country he settled upon a farm in Mina, Chautauqua county, N. Y., and there-

after passed his entire life in farming at that place. At the outset he purchased a tract of fifty acres, but later acquired a further sixty acres, and upon that, with the help of his sons, he prospered. The son, Charles, received the whole of his academic education in the district school of Mina, and after leaving school set willingly and industriously to work to help his father cultivate the family holding. As a matter of fact, Charles had learned and undertaken many minor duties in connection with the farm operation long before he left school, and he soon became an experienced farmer. He was always of industrious habits, self-reliant and capable, and quite early in manhood he embarked upon an independent farming enterprise, renting a farm at Mina. One year later he purchased from Charles Winter a farm of 175 acres in Ripley township and since that time that has been his home. He has farmed the acreage well, and has very much improved the property, adding to the house and barn, and raising the condition of the land. He has been enterprising in his farming, has had good success in sheep rearing and in dairy farming, and has quite an appreciable acreage in grapes.

Politically, he has been a Democrat for the greater part of his life, but he has never sought, nor wished for, political office. As a father, he has been interested in the school administration, and as school trustee has had part in its administrative affairs for many years. At one time also he undertook the responsibilities of tax collector for his district. By religious conviction, he is a Methodist, and he has been one of the substantial supporters of the local church of that denomination for many years. In his younger days he took active part in community movements, and has at all times been ready to support local projects that in his estimation promised well for some phase of the community. During the World War, he was one of the most loyal and patriotic in contributing to the various funds raised by the government and governmental agencies for the proper prosecution of the war.

On Sept. 22, 1864, when twenty-five years old, Charles Rater married Margaret Jane Gilburn, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (McPhee) Gilburn, of Ripley; the union has been blessed by the birth to them of five children, all of whom were reared to manhood and womanhood, and to useful citizenship. The children, in order of birth, are: 1. Frank, who married Minnie Marshall, and became an independent farmer in his native place, Ripley. 2. Henry, who married Lotta Hunt, and is also succeeding, as a farmer, with a property of his own in Ripley. 3. Bert, who has taken from his father's shoulders the burden of operating the extensive family holding. 4. Irving, who is also at home, and assists his brother Bert in conducting their father's farm. 5. Mrs. Nettie Belle Alday, wife of a successful Ripley farmer of that name.

Charles Rater is fortunate in having all his children near him in his declining years, and to know that they are all satisfactorily conditioned in material things, and also that they have all lived lives of commendable steadiness and usefulness. If they, in their turn, gain the general esteem in the community that their father, Charles Rater, by his estimable life has gained for himself, they will indeed have lived lives of enviable usefulness to the community and county. Others of his

family, and of his generation, have also lived commendable lives in the county, he being one of eight children born to Henry Rater. Charles was the third-born, and his brothers and sisters, in order of birth, were: Julius, Augusta, Henry, Levi, Selina, Allen, and Frank. The family is well known in Ripley and Mina, and all have succeeded in life.

**EGBERT S. OSTRANDER**, successful and respected farmer in or near Gerry, Chautauqua county, N. Y., and a justice of the peace at that place, is a native of Chautauqua county, and comes of a worthy American family of Swedish antecedents. Both on the paternal and maternal sides, however, the genealogy is American for some generations back, his father being of the Ostrander family of Tompkins county, N. Y., born in the town of West Danby, that county, in 1829, in the Ostrander family homestead, and his mother having been of the Fargo family of Chautauqua county.

Egbert S. Ostrander was born in the town of Gerry, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Sept. 6, 1854, the son of David Ostrander, who was born Feb. 20, 1829, in West Danby, N. Y., and Maria Antoinette (Fargo) Ostrander, who was a native of Gerry, born there, April 17, 1833. His father was a farmer, possessed of a good property at Gerry, and there the boy was reared. During his early years of schooling, he attended the graded schools of Gerry, and later went to Jamestown to attend the Jamestown High School, from which he graduated in due course. From that time he has mainly followed agricultural occupations in or near his native place, and has taken interest in the local administration. Politically, Mr. Ostrander is a Republican, and although during national campaigns he has not manifested a desire to cooperate actively in the local activities for the national party, he has always exhibited a keen interest in local affairs. He is a good neighbor, and has always been willing to aid, either financially or personally, any cause which he thought might have good bearing upon the well being of the community. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and in the affairs of the local Grange has for many years taken substantial part.

He has endeavored to live an upright, honest and usefully industrious life, and his association and dealings with the people of Gerry during his long life have definitely and markedly shown that he is, and has always striven to be, a man of good moral purpose, and that he is a man in whom they might place trust. In the administration of justice he has, since he was appointed justice of the peace at Gerry, manifested not only a spirit of the strictest impartiality in his finding, but also a judicial mind of high order, and more than a superficial knowledge of the law. He is also a notary public, commissioned as such by the State of New York administration. An earnest Christian, Mr. Ostrander has been a member of the Congregational church since early manhood and he is a substantial supporter of the local church of that faith.

He was married, Sept. 23, 1875, to Celestia T. Johnson, who was born in Ellery, N. Y., Sept. 27, 1853, the daughter of Benoni and Sallie Maria (Miller) Johnson, of that place. To Mr. and Mrs. Ostrander have been born three children: 1. Forest Egbert, born Feb. 25,

1877; at present superintendent and general manager of the State Normal School at Tempe, Ariz.; married Marion Austin. 2. Fort Leroy, born Jan. 31, 1886; married Alice Freeman. 3. Alton C., born July 6, 1892; married Cecelia Anderson.

Mr. Ostrander has had good part in an important phase of the affairs of Chautauqua county during the last four or five decades, and rightly should have place in the county historical record. He has done well both in agricultural and judicial activities, and his private life has been enviable.

**JAY KAPPLE BEDIENT**, enterprising and successful farmer in Gerry, and continuing worthy the connection his ancestors have had with Chautauqua county for so long, comes of one of the pioneer families of the county. The name is encountered in the early historical records of Chautauqua county, and for generations has been familiar to residents in the Gerry district; as a matter of fact, four generations of the Bedient family have had home and existence upon the farm Jay K. Bedient now tills; his grandfather was the pioneer, his father continued the development, he has maintained the farm in good bearing and condition, and he has two sons who, in their turn, may continue the connection of the Bedient family with the worthy agriculturists of Chautauqua county. Certainly, the family should have good place in this historical record of the county.

Jay Kapple Bedient was born in Gerry, Sept. 28, 1884, so that he is yet in his early prime of manhood. He is the son of William and Addie (Kapple) Bedient, both of whom lived worthy lives of kindly spirit and good neighborliness. In his youth, he attended the public schools of Gerry, and when his schooldays were over, he took part of the responsibilities of the farm management and operation. In due course he became the head of the house, and is continuing to work the ancestral estate with good profit. He is alert, intelligent, hard-working and enterprising, and is introducing many modern methods of farming with good results.

He is a prominent and active member of the local Grange, and is interested in all things pertaining to his calling. In politics he is a Republican, but has not been active in political affairs. He has the spirit which brings success, the spirit of assiduous concentration upon his own work, and he has accomplished, consequently, results in farming that have been gratifying and worth-while. During the war just ended he was consistent; he interested himself even more closely in matters of production upon his farm. But during those years his concentration upon his farming operations had a patriotic bearing. Like so many more loyal Americans, strong in body and whole-hearted in love of country, his inclinations were oftentimes prompting him to take military capacity in the great struggle, but his family and the almost as vital maintenance of agricultural production from American lands forced him to greater effort in the prosaic, unheralded war labors of the home field. He faithfully did his part as a loyal American farmer to aid the government in its endeavor to bring such increased yields of foodstuffs that the threatened famines in allied countries would be met by American surpluses. It was a factor that has brought

no individual recognition, save in the satisfaction that must of necessity have come to every American farmer who participated and eventually knew what a consequential part their combined effort had upon the fortunes of the country and its allies. But in a volume of individual histories, such as this is, it is proper to make reference to such individual effort put forth at a time when the Nation, as a whole, was at war, and was in vital need of the whole interest of all its producers. And in the financial burdens which came upon the home people during the war, Mr. Bedient cheerfully took his full share, glad to cooperate in every way that was possible to him.

Mr. Bedient married, in Gerry, June 21, 1905, Hattie Johnson, born Nov. 26, 1886, in Gerry, the daughter of August and Gustava (Anderson) Johnson, who were both born in Sweden, but who lived for the greater part of their lives in America, and in Chautauqua county, N. Y. Her brothers are worthy and successful farmers of the neighborhood. Mr. and Mrs. Bedient are the parents of two children: Jay Fleteher, born July 12, 1908; Sherwood, born Sept. 18, 1915. Mr. and Mrs. Bedient have a comfortable home, are very hospitable, and are esteemed by their neighbors.

**HENRY SPRAGUE MACKINZIE** is a native of Chautauqua county, N. Y., and after a successful career in industrial life in another State has returned to the scenes of his boyhood, and is taking consequential part in the affairs of his native place. During the World War he came into prominence as a patriotic citizen and worker, loyally cooperating with the government in many phases of its work; he was chairman of the first Liberty Loan drive, and was a liberal subscriber, as well as an active worker, for the other governmental agencies, the Red Cross and the Young Men's Christian Association, when those organizations sought to raise funds for the purposes of their war work.

He was born on a farm near Dewittville, Chautauqua county, N. Y., May 16, 1870, the son of William P. and Mary (Lacodie) Mackinzie. The land upon which his father, William P. Mackinzie, settled in 1870, and upon which Henry S. was born, is still in the family, and at present is under the administration of the son named. The Mackinzie family was in the county earlier than the year in which William P., father of Henry S., acquired the property in Dewittville; a grandfather, Barnhart Mackinzie, came to the county much earlier, and may be considered to have been among the pioneer settlers.

Henry Sprague Mackinzie was educated in the Dewittville district school and at the Mayville graded school, and after closing his school days worked upon his father's farm. In fact, he began farm work long before he had left school, for before and after school hours, and during vacations, he was entrusted with the execution of many of the minor duties on the home farm. He did not remain long at farming after he had finished his schooling. He was naturally inclined to things of mechanical nature, and he decided to learn the machinist trade. Eventually, to follow his trade, he went to Cleveland, Ohio, and there remained, in responsible employment, until 1917, when upon the death of his father he returned to his native place. His mother is still living, but as he, with his brother, was

appointed administrator of his father's estate, which also includes that of his grandfather, he decided to remain in the county and devote himself to the care of his mother, and to the affairs of the estate. He is the active administrator, and as such the actual management of the farming properties devolve upon him and he has shown during the last two years that he has not forgotten the knowledge of farming that he gained in the days of his youth. Especially during the war did he attend closely to farming matters. As a man of ultra-loyal spirit, his patriotism drew him heartily into war work and not the least consequential was his direction of the family agricultural properties. The food question, which was such a factor to the allies of this country, caused him to closely observe his farming operations, to prevent waste and to bring all possible acreage into bearing, so as to cooperate with the government in its desire to ship to Europe an immense quantity of foodstuffs, which quantity could only come by closer attention to farming by loyal American farmers. Enough has been written in national history of the effect the ultimate enormous surpluses of American foodstuffs had on the final victory which came to the allies, but little recognition has been given to the individual American farmer by whose long-sustained efforts the surplus came. However, in local histories such as this is, appropriate mention might be made of individual efforts of home people during the period when the theatre of war was practically the whole world, and when whole peoples, not only armies, entered into the struggle, which was of such vital consequence to the future of great nations. Another consequential, and more publicly known part taken by Mr. Mackinzie in war work was in connection with the national campaigns to raise funds for the needs of the nation in the prosecution of the war. He was chairman of the local committee for the first Liberty Loan drive, and was a substantial contributor and an indefatigable worker; and he also interested himself actively in the work of raising the enormous funds needed by the Red Cross, the Young Men's Christian Association, and other governmental organizations, for war needs. Altogether, the war work record of Henry Sprague Mackinzie is commendable.

He is a member of the local Grange, and in politics is an independent voter. In local affairs, he is manifesting much interest, and now that he is back among the scenes of his early days, he will probably take actively to public work, for he is markedly public-spirited. He is able, capable, and will be an asset to his district. Fraternally, he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. By religious preference, he is an Episcopalian and has been a devout attendant at churches of that faith.

On Oct. 6, 1907, Mr. Mackinzie married Amy Covey, of Westfield, Chautauqua county, N. Y. They have four children: John, Drove, Lacodie, ———. They lost one child, William, a fine boy, whom they reared to the age of nine years.

Henry S. Mackinzie is a man of marked intelligence and honorable purpose. His career in industrial life was good, and he is still in the prime of manhood so that he is likely to be of good service to the county of his birth.



**DR. MARION ANDREWS**—During his years, seventy-five, all spent in Chautauqua county, Dr. Marion Andrews (Dr. by grace of the New York Board of Regents) has run the professional gamut, and has successively been an educator, a law student, a student of medicine, finally, in 1916 receiving a license from the regents to practice veterinary medicine. During thirty-five of the winters which have passed over his head, Dr. Andrews taught school in Irving, Fredonia, Portland and Brocton, and has kept at all times in close touch with the march of events. He is a son of Horatio and Minerva (Thompson) Andrews, of Arkwright, Chautauqua county, N. Y., his father a veterinarian and farmer, who taught his son methods of treating animals medicinally. Horatio Andrews was road commissioner of the town of Pomfret for twenty-two years. There were six children in the Andrews family: Marion, of whom further; Mary, Ullman, Frank, Leroy, and Amber.

Marion Andrews was born in Arkwright, Chautauqua county, N. Y., July 18, 1845. He grew up on the home farm, attended the district schools, and later took more advanced courses at Fredonia Academy and at the State Normal. At the last-named institution he qualified as a teacher, and as before stated taught in Chautauqua county schools during the winter season for a period of thirty-five years. He studied law for two years, read medicine with Dr. Bradford two years, and was always a great lover of horses. This led him to take up the practice of veterinary medicine, a profession in which his father was quite skillful and one in which his son, Marion, has been a helper, and to whom he had passed along much of his knowledge. In 1916 Dr. Andrews was licensed to practice and has since maintained an office in Fredonia. For two years he was State cattle inspector. He is widely consulted on matters pertaining to horses and is an authority. He was in charge of the construction of the race track at the Chautauqua County Fair Grounds, and is as favorably as he is widely known.

**GEORGE FLOYD TUCKER**—There are a number of young men in Chautauqua county, who at the outset of their careers had decided to follow the occupation with which their fathers had long been identified, namely, that of farming, and they have given themselves over wholly to this task and made a considerable success of it to the present time. George Floyd Tucker is a good example of the splendid American young man who well exemplifies this type. He was born in Westfield, July 28, 1880, a son of Walter A. and Grace (Eddy) Tucker, the former one of the influential men of this region of the State, who followed farming all through his life, and was actively identified with all the local movements hereabouts.

George Floyd Tucker received his education in the district schools of his native place, and after graduating from these institutions worked with his father, assisting the elder man with his duties on the farm. He remained thus employed until 1908, in which year he purchased the farm property of John Frieze, one of the model places of the region, consisting of 126 acres of excellent agricultural land. Here Mr. Tucker carries on extensive dairy and general farming industries and

is, in addition to these, a fine developer of pure-bred horses. Mr. Tucker has remodeled the place since taking possession, and his place is one of the finest hereabouts. His barn is a large one and the house in which he resides has all of the latest improvements, making it an ideal place to live in. In politics, Mr. Tucker is a Democrat and is an ardent adherent of the principles and policies of this party. He is also a member of the local Grange, and is a leading member of all movements undertaken to advance the public weal. He is a splendid citizen.

Mr. Tucker was united in marriage, June 28, 1899, with Lizzie Ann Ostrander, a native of Elmira, N. Y., a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charley Ostrander, old and highly respected residents of Westfield. Mr. and Mrs. Tucker are the parents of one child, Merle Stanley, who is at present engaged in business with his father on the old homestead.

**AXEL EMMETT CREE**, son of the late Charles Emmett and Sophie Louise (Anderson) Cree, was born in far away Sweden, Feb. 22, 1876. At the age of six, in 1882, he arrived in this country with his parents, they settling on a farm in the town of Busti, Chautauqua county, N. Y. After completing his studies, he became interested in farming, was successful in his operations, and through industry and close application became prosperous and influential. He became the owner of the farm upon which he resides. On Dec. 27, 1920, Mr. Cree established a general merchandise store in the village of Busti and is conducting the same under the firm name of A. E. Cree & Son, and their business is now a profitable one, Mr. Cree having a wide circle of friends and well known on account of living in the town from boyhood. Mr. Cree is a Republican in politics, and for eight years has been highway superintendent for the town of Busti. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Patrons of Husbandry, and the Baptist church, taking a helpful interest in the work of all these organizations.

On Dec. 23, 1901, Mr. Cree married (first) Ruth Nellie Myers, of Erie, Pa. They were the parents of one son, Robert Wayne, born Nov. 7, 1902. Mrs. Cree died Jan. 14, 1903. Mr. Cree married (second) Feb. 1, 1910, Amelia Christine Johnson, and they were the parents of a daughter, Marian Isabelle, born July 22, 1912. Mrs. Cree died May 14, 1915. Mr. Cree married (third) Nov. 3, 1917, Cecilia Hanna Anderson, born July 18, 1879, daughter of Swan Edward and Ida Caroline (Nyholm) Anderson, her parents born in Sweden.

**CHARLES L. HENNING** is an enterprising farmer, who has never wasted his energies by directing them into a number of different channels, but has concentrated them on the work of his life calling. This, as his neighbors could testify, is a true description of Mr. Henning, and that his devotion to agriculture has produced satisfactory results is equally beyond question.

Charles L. Henning was born Jan. 17, 1857, at Dunkirk, N. Y., a son of Frederick and Mary (Alter) Henning. The education of Charles L. Henning was received in the schools of his birthplace, and at the age



of sixteen he came to Ripley and began life as a farmer. In 1884, he purchased the farm which is now his home and which then consisted of but seventy acres, but now comprises 140, the increase being the result of purchases made by Mr. Henning and his son-in-law. The soil is rich and the estate has been much improved by its present owner. Mr. Henning is now experimenting with a grape vineyard, despite the fact that his land lies just outside the accepted grape belt. He is confident, however, that his vines will answer his expectation. His live stock includes four horses, fourteen cows, and large numbers of chickens and hogs for home consumption. While never taking an active part in community affairs, Mr. Henning has always been a thoroughly good neighbor and also a good Republican, having served both as school trustee and school collector. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Henning married, Oct. 21, 1879, Ida Scott, of Ripley, and they are the parents of one daughter, Ella, wife of Bert Waters, whose farm joins that of Mr. Henning; they have one child, Belma. The career of Charles L. Henning has been one of quiet force exerted for worthy ends and bringing a harvest of honorable successes. Could there be a better record?

**JOHN WILLIAM WEBBER**—A residence of fifty years in a county seldom fails to insure the recognition of a majority of its citizens and especially is this so when, as in the case of Mr. Webber, the man is numbered among the prosperous and influential members of his community, and is counted on with confidence in any crisis or emergency. That this is true of Mr. Webber his friends and neighbors of Sherman have long since proved.

John William Webber was born March 20, 1862, at Youngsville, Pa., a son of William and Mary (Barber) Webber. When the boy was seven years old his parents moved to Chautauqua township, Chautauqua county, N. Y., taking up their abode on the farm of which he himself is now the owner. John William Webber attended District School No. 16, and when he grew to manhood remained on his father's farm, assisting in its management, and in the course of time becoming its possessor. The estate consists of 104 acres, about one-half of this being under cultivation. Every improvement on the place was made either by Mr. Webber or his father, and in 1910 the former built a saw mill which he now owns and operates in conjunction with the farm. This saw mill cuts about 40,000 feet of lumber annually, and over and above paying for his own and his sons' labor provides considerable money for wages. In politics, Mr. Webber has always adhered to the principles of the Republican party, and at one time, by the request of his fellow-citizens, served as school trustee. He belongs to the Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, and is a member of the Mount Pleasant United Brethren Church.

Mr. Webber married, March 4, 1891, Katharine Johnston, of Chautauqua township, and they are the parents of the following children: 1. Inez, educated in district schools and Chautauqua High School; married Clyde Crandall, and has one child, Everett. 2. Munroe, educated in district schools and Chautauqua High School; married Mildred Johnson, and has one child,

Elinor. 3. Dorothy. 4. Otto. 5. Joel. The three last named were educated in the same manner as the eldest daughter and first born son. John William Webber is an honorably successful man, and has a record in which his children and grandchildren may well take laudable pride.

**WILLIAM FREDERICK EGGERT**—In any list of the most progressive Westfield farmers of the younger generation the name we have just written would stand very high. Mr. Eggert is a good citizen as well as an enterprising agriculturist, always taking a helpful interest in improvement of community conditions.

William Frederick Eggert was born March 7, 1884, on his father's farm in Westfield township, and is a son of Frederick and Albertine (Marquette) Eggert. Mr. Eggert, who is now deceased, came, about 1880, from Germany, and his widow is now living on a farm near that of her son.

After receiving his preparatory education in district schools, William F. Eggert attended for a short time Union College, in the town of Westfield, and then decided to devote himself to agricultural pursuits. In 1913, he purchased the farm on which he now lives, an estate consisting of 178 acres, on which he has made many improvements to which he is constantly adding. He is also the owner of two smaller farms as well as a vineyard of twenty-five acres, situated on Main street, some distance from Westfield town. On his home farm he is now building a large modern residence of nine rooms. He has ten cows, five horses, and twenty hogs; also sixty-seven sheep—a new industry—and a large number of chickens. All his methods are modern, and the result of his use of them has proved eminently satisfactory. Politically, Mr. Eggert is a true Republican and has served his townsmen in the office of collector. He belongs to the Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, and is a member of the Lutheran church of Westfield.

Mr. Eggert married, May 2, 1906, Clara M. Bussiger, of Buffalo, N. Y., and they are the parents of two children, both of whom are now attending school: Arthur William and Carlton Deane.

As a farmer of the new school and a citizen helpfully active in public affairs, Mr. Eggert is making a record to which, as the years go on, he will add chapter after chapter of increasing interest.

**HERBERT HENRY REID**—The agricultural interests of Chautauqua county have no more aggressive representative among the younger generation of farmers than the citizen of Westfield whose name stands at the head of this article. Mr. Reid is public-spirited in regard to community affairs, always showing a helpful interest in promoting the general welfare.

Herbert Henry Reid was born Jan. 22, 1884, on a farm in Westfield township, and is a son of Robert and Sally (Russell) Reid, the latter being now deceased. Mr. Reid is a farmer at Summerdale, Chautauqua township. Herbert Henry Reid received a district school education, and since leaving school has been engaged, for the most part, in farming, with the exception of a short time spent in working on the rail-

way. In 1912, Mr. Reid rented his present farm, and in March, 1916, became by purchase the owner of the estate which comprises 146 acres. Of these about one-half are under cultivation. The care of a large and growing family prevents Mr. Reid from making as many improvements on his farm as he would like to, but he hopes some day to be the owner of an estate which will compare favorably with any in Westfield township. He now engages in general farming, also conducting a dairy. His stock includes eighteen cows, three horses, some hogs and a large number of chickens. In politics, Mr. Reid is a faithful Republican, but has never had time nor inclination for office holding. He has no fraternal affiliations, but attends the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Reid married, Sept. 15, 1905, Vera Stoweln, of Chautauqua township, and they are the parents of the following children: Lawrence, Ethel, Walter, Alma, Lucille, May, Doris, and Lura. Of these, five are now (1921) attending school.

Herbert Henry Reid is a fine type of the self-made man. He has already done much and everything indicates that, as the years go on, he will accomplish still more. He is the type of man who helps to build up communities.

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**CHARLES WILLIAM NICHOLS**, a native of Westfield, in which town he has lived throughout his life, has farmed practically all his life, and has had good success. He has the respect of his neighbors, and the confidence of all who have traded with him, which is satisfactory wealth for any man.

He was born on a farm in Westfield, Chautauqua county, N. Y., March 23, 1869, the son of Charles John and Rachel (Fisher) Nichols. His father, Charles John Nichols, was born in Germany (Mecklenburg), but it does not necessarily follow that the family is of German origin; as a matter of fact Nichols is an English patronymic, not a German, and the circumstances of the German birth of Charles John Nichols might well have been only because of the residence of his, supposedly, English parents in Germany at that time. Be that as it may, Charles John Nichols was brought to this country by his parents when he was only seven years old, and he has been a responsible farmer in Westfield township for sixty years. He and his wife, Rachel (Fisher) Nichols, live quite near their son, the farms almost adjoining.

Charles William Nichols was educated in district schools, after leaving which he busied himself with tasks upon the parental farm. With the exception of six years, during which he followed the trade of brick mason, he has steadily followed agricultural occupations all his life and he owns a good property, upon which he has erected many improvements of value. His farm is well adapted for the purpose to which it is put, dairy and general farming, and is well stocked. Mr. Nichols is a member of the local Grange, and is interested in almost all things that have to do with farming. In former years, he took much active part in community affairs, although he has never sought nor accepted public office. In politics, he is an independent, being of that type of thinker which will not pledge himself blindly to any party. His religious conviction

leads him into membership of the Methodist Episcopal body, and he has been a good supporter of the local church of that denomination.

On April 1, 1893, Mr. Nichols married Helen Trump, of a Westfield family of that name, and the marriage has been well blest, for they are the parents of a fine family, three sons and three daughters, namely: 1. Nellie, who graduated at the Westfield High School, and married Deere Hunt, to whom she has borne one child, Allen. 2. Mary, who was educated in the district schools, and married ——— Beers, a farmer; they have one child, Elinor. 3. Freida, who graduated from the Westfield High School, and from the State Normal School; she has entered professional life, and has been a teacher for four years. 4. George, who was educated in the district school, and followed the examples set for him by his father and grandfather, and is now a skillful and energetic young farmer. 5. Raymond, educated in district schools, and now a mechanic in a Toledo, Ohio, plant. 6. Lawrence, who is still attending the district school.

The present prosperous condition of Charles William Nichols has been the result of praiseworthy industry he has manifested, as well as of skillful farming. He has held steadily to his work, has always lived within his means, and has always endeavored to hold to the honorable mode of dealing. Consequently, he has prospered.

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**ANTONY MILITELLO**, who at the present time occupies a position of prominence in the business world of Westfield, N. Y., is a native of Italy, born in the Province of Palermo, Feb. 16, 1886. He is a son of Joseph and Josephine Militello, who were also natives of Italy, and who came to this country when Antony was but fourteen months of age. The elder Mr. Militello preceded the family in its migration to the New World by a year, and came here on a sailing vessel upon which there broke out a severe epidemic and the ship underwent extensive quarantine. Eventually the government permitted the ship to dock and the weak and suffering immigrants landed. Mr. Militello then went to Buffalo, N. Y., where he settled, and where the family later came and resided. In 1896, Joseph Militello and his family returned to Italy, where Antony was educated, and in 1901, the family came back to America and returned to Buffalo.

Antony Militello, however, did not remain here for any great length of time. Leaving the family in Buffalo, he came to Westfield and obtained a position with the United States Canning Factory. At this place a great misfortune befell the young man, he losing his left arm in an accident. When he had recuperated sufficiently, he was sent to school and graduated from the public and high schools here with high honors. Mr. Militello then accepted the position as interpreter with the Lake Shore & Michigan Central Railroad Company and in his spare time read law with James H. Prendergast, a prominent lawyer of Westfield. In 1909, he passed the examination for notary, and has since then done a great deal of work in this line for the Italian people hereabouts. Mr. Militello was of an ambitious nature and had always been anxious to engage in a business enterprise of his own. Therefore, in 1908, he

started the manufacture of cement blocks, bricks, etc., as well as concrete work. He has done a great deal of this grade of work here and has installed the foundation for the old Armour Grape Juice plant, furnished blocks for several stations on the Buffalo & Lake Erie Railroad, and traction blocks for the Milk Products Company's plant. Mr. Militello manufactures his blocks from Lake Erie gravel, and at the outset he had but one small machine for the manufacture of this commodity. His plant is now equipped with modern machinery and is capable of turning out 2,000 bricks and 600 blocks per day. Mr. Militello is also the owner of an up-to-date cider plant, and is preparing to erect a canning factory for fruit products on the Peacock estate, which he now owns. He also has a thirty-five acre fruit and grape farm on the Academy road.

Antony Militello was united in marriage with Jennie Pummaie, Sept. 2, 1914, and they are the parents of the following children: Josephine, Mary and Joseph. In his religious belief, Mr. Militello is a Catholic and attends the church of this denomination at Westfield, and liberally supports its charitable and philanthropic undertakings. He was the organizer, in 1902, and one of the presidents of the Star of Italy Society, and was one of the organizers of the Board of Commerce. He was also an organizer and the past president of the Republican Club here, and ardently adheres to all its principles and policies.

Mr. Militello is, in the best sense of the word, a "self-made man." Starting out in life after being afflicted with the loss of an arm, he did not permit this handicap to discourage him, but set to work and conquered the obstacles that stood in his path and overcame considerable difficulties, eventually reaching his goal. He is very popular with his employees, and is regarded here as a business man of the finest caliber, an honest citizen and a good husband and father, who enjoys the intimate intercourse of his family circle and personal friends.

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**CHARLES GROVE VAN DYKE**, prosperous farmer of the Mayville section of Chautauqua county, N. Y., is a native of Chautauqua county, and has lived within it all the years of his life, fifty-six. His life has been one of steady, useful production, in which he has accumulated sufficient financial means to make his later life free from any consequential worry. And, by his public service, he has indicated that he is interested in the well being of his neighbors also. Public service in country districts in the main brings no financial return, but often entails much labor, and the man who will accept office under such conditions indicates a commendable interest in his fellows, and an unselfish willingness to perform the public duties that have to be accomplished in every community. Mr. Van Dyke for many years was school trustee, and has also been collector of the district.

He was born on the family homestead, in the town of Ripley, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Oct. 21, 1863, the son of Lister and Alpha (Grove) Van Dyke. His father was a farmer, and as a boy Charles G. attended the district school. As soon as his school days were over, he took industriously to farming, and has worked

at such occupations ever since. Twelve years ago, he purchased the farm he now owns, near Mayville, Chautauqua county. It is sixty-eight acres in extent, about thirty acres of which is arable land, and the remainder pasture. It is a well-balanced dairy farm, and Mr. Van Dyke has instituted many improvements, which include dwelling house, barns, milk house, hen houses, and other structures, all built by the present owner. He is a good farmer, and has a well kept and productive property. Mr. Van Dyke is a member of the local Grange, and belongs to the Mayville Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He has been a Republican throughout his life, and has, when possible, interested himself actively in national political movements insofar as they pertain to his own order and community. He is popular and well regarded in his district, and has held many local offices, including that of school trustee and collector.

On Nov. 21, 1895, Charles G. Van Dyke married Elizabeth ———, of Buffalo, N. Y. They have two children: 1. Ella, who was educated in Mayville and district schools; married Lyle Raynor, who follows industrial occupations, and at present is serving as factory foreman; they have two children: Robert and Elinor. 2. Morris, who received his education in Mayville and district schools, and eventually entered the employ of the local railroad company; he married Bessie Moore, and they have one child, Donald.

Mr. Van Dyke is a self-made man; has acquired the means he now enjoys entirely by his own industrious efforts; and has lived an earnest, upright life. He was much interested in the prosecution of the war, and bore his share of the financial burdens caused thereby. He also entered zealously into the national endeavor, by farmers, to bring increasing yields from their agricultural holdings, to circumvent the threatened famines in allied countries. That national effort was successful, as is now nationally recorded in United States history, and when the consequences were so portentous, American farmers who participated in the national effort might well take comfort from the knowledge they now have of the appreciable part their combined effort had upon the final satisfactory ending of the war.

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**LOUIS VERNON GILBERT**, an earnest, manly, young farmer in the Mayville section of Chautauqua county, N. Y., operates a dairy farm of 100 acres. And judging by the production during his first year of management of the farm, he will succeed. He is an intelligent, enterprising, and optimistic young man who has taken early to the things that count in life, and has left the artificialities of modern city life to others who find attraction in such. They do not fit in with his sturdiness of purpose.

He was born in Hart, Oceana county, Mich., April 24, 1890, the son of Charles and Nora (Milajeau) Gilbert. His father, who was a farmer, is now dead, but his mother is with him in Chautauqua county now. His early school days were passed in Hart, Mich., where he attended the graded public schools. When he was twelve years old, the family came to Chautauqua county, N. Y., and settled in Westfield, and in the high school of that place Louis Vernon finished his schooling. He



graduated in 1917, but for some years before that he had been doing considerable work, of a farming nature, at every opportunity. After closing his schooling in 1917, he went to work in the vineyards of the neighborhood, and in the following year, 1918, took the farm he has since operated. It is 100 acres in extent, and suitable for dairy and general farming—quite an undertaking for a much older man. But young Gilbert is proving himself capable of it, and is supported by his wife, Hazel (Shaw) Gilbert, whom he married, Aug. 12, 1918. She is of Erie, Pa. The farm he now owns and operates is one upon which he worked in 1915, while still at school. He and his wife are members of the Baptist church, Mayville, and give indications of possessing steadiness in Christian work which will hold them to the church.

**HERBERT MORRISON CARPENTER**—The Carpenters were early settlers and land owners of the town of Harmony, Chautauqua county, N. Y. Josiah Carpenter, from Rensselaer county, N. Y., in 1808, bought about 1,000 acres in township 1, range 12, southwest of Ashville. In 1809, his son, James Carpenter, with his young wife, settled on this purchase, building his log cabin near the banks of Goose creek, which in that year rose to the dimensions of a river and imprisoned the family, who, however, escaped on a raft made of cordwood. Josiah Carpenter came in 1811, there then being but one house in what is now the village of Ashville. He settled on lot 64 of his original purchase, with sons, Daniel B., Isaac, Josiah, Jr., and Timothy. One of his daughters married Oliver Pier, son of Levi Pier, a great hunter who, it is said, paid for his land in Harmony with the bounty money received from the county on wolf scalps.

Morrison Carpenter, father of Herbert Morrison Carpenter, was born in the village of Blockville, town of Harmony, Chautauqua county, N. Y., April 1, 1816, and there resided until his death. He married Sarah Wright, born in England, in 1826.

Herbert M. Carpenter was born in Blockville, Harmony, Chautauqua county, N. Y., March 10, 1849, and there was educated in the district school. He made farming his business and pursued his calling with such success that he is now living a retired life of contentment and ease. He is the owner of two good farms but, with the exception of his poultry raising, he has no active business interest. In religious faith he is a Seventh Day Adventist, is a member of the Patrons of Husbandry, and in politics a Democrat.

Mr. Carpenter married, Jan. 13, 1874, in Jamestown, Eliza N. Jennings, born April 8, 1846, in North Panama, Chautauqua county, N. Y., daughter of Luther Stephen Fuller and Tirza (King) Jennings, her father born in Cattaraugus, her mother in Onondaga county, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter are the parents of five children: 1. Gertrude Pauline, born Feb. 3, 1875, deceased. 2. Angeline Lucille, born Oct. 16, 1876, married Philip Menges, born in France. 3. Buddington Jennings, born Jan. 25, 1879, married Eliza Stetson. 4. Herbert Floyd, born Dec. 9, 1881, married Irene Irish. 5. Dorothy Eliza, born May 18, 1884, married Carl Perry Milks.

**CHARLES DANIEL BALL**—Among the successful farmers of Chautauqua county, N. Y., should be mentioned Charles Daniel Ball, who has made a model farm of his 100 acres at Westfield. He was born at Arkwright, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Sept. 26, 1874, the son of Joshua J. and Lucy (Burnam) Ball.

He had the great advantage which belongs to those who spend their youth in the healthy and invigorating atmosphere which pervades life on the American farm. He received his early education at the public schools of his native town, and spent his summers on his father's farm, acquiring that detailed knowledge of farm life and agricultural methods that only experience can provide. He later attended the Fredonia Normal School to complete his education, after which he worked for some time on a farm, to perfect his training in his chosen occupation and then, feeling himself competent to be his own master, bought a farm of twenty-six acres at Arkwright, which he worked for some years as a general produce and dairy farm. Later he sold this land and removed to Westfield, where he bought the farm belonging to George Wright, which consisted of 100 acres. Since that time Mr. Ball has remained on this land, improving it in many ways, such as remodeling the house and farm buildings, and has added to his arable land by clearing ten acres of bush. Besides general produce, Mr. Ball has thirteen head of cattle, fine graded Holsteins, and his dairy farm is known throughout the county, not only for the quality of its products, but also for its excellent management. Mr. Ball is a staunch supporter of the Republican party, and has taken an active interest in local public affairs, having been inspector of elections for the years 1918 and 1919. He is a member of the Dairymen's Association of Sheridan, and of the Woodmen of America.

Charles Daniel Ball married, at Stockton, Ella Kelley, daughter of Albert and Angeline (Scrivin) Kelley, and of this marriage were born three children, as follows: Gerald A., who is now assisting his father in the running of the farm at Westfield; Thelma Irene, who is now at school; and Marian Lucy, also a student.

**ARTIE VANDE WARK**—When in 1861 the seeds of dissension and secession, sown by both Abolitionist and Secessionist, bore legitimate harvest, men from all sections rallied around the flag of the Union, and after four years of civil war the edict went forth that this nation "should not perish from the earth." Among the men who wore the blue was John Vande Wark, of the town of Carroll, Chautauqua county, N. Y. Later came another crisis in the affairs of our Nation, but with a foreign nation, Spain. A son of the Union veteran was ready then as was his sire in 1861, and for two years he wore the uniform of the United States volunteer.

Artie Vande Wark, son of John and Ella (Pangborn) Vande Wark, was born at the home farm in the town of Carroll, Chautauqua county, N. Y., April 19, 1877, and there attended the public schools. He chose farming as his occupation, and with the exception of his military service of more than eighteen months he has always been engaged in farming. He is now the owner of 135 acres of fertile farm and grazing land, well stocked and improved, upon which he resides, the farm



located in section 57, town of Cherry Creek. He is a Republican in politics, and a member of the United Brethren church. He enlisted in the American army during the Spanish-American War period, and served until honorably discharged.

Mr. Vande Wark married, at Cherry Creek, Juliette Peterson, daughter of John and Ida (Hickok) Peterson, her father born in Sweden, her mother in Randolph, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Vande Wark are the parents of a daughter, Lorena Margaret, born Aug. 11, 1910.

**GLEN NORMAN WILLIAMS**, one of Chautauqua county's industrious producers, a man who has farmed in the county since early manhood, and who, by his steady life and honest purpose, has become esteemed among the people with whom he has come in contact, and especially in the neighborhood of Conewango Valley, was born Jan. 17, 1872, at Leon, Cattaraugus county, N. Y. But his life of industry has been passed almost wholly within the borders of Chautauqua county.

Four generations of his branch of the Williams family have had residence in America. His parents were Norman and Rebecca (Ross) Williams, both of whom were born in Leon, Cattaraugus county, N. Y., and his grandfather was Davis Williams. The record states that Davis Williams "was born in Scotland, and came to this country in a very early day." That may have been so; Davis Williams may have been born in Scotland, but the family is not therefore necessarily Scottish; in fact, both the given name and the patronymic of the American progenitor are distinctly Welsh; and it is more than probable that Davis Williams belonged to the ancient British, or Welsh family of that name. It is one of the oldest of ancient British families, and since very early times has been very numerous spread in Wales, and had prominent part in early British history. One of the early Welsh branches of the house of Williams traced lineal descent from Marchudel of Cyan, Lord of Abergelen, in Denbighshire, of one of the fifteen tribes of North Wales. He lived in the time of Roderic Maur (Roderic, the Great), king of the Britons, about 849. Of him, through Edynfid Fycham, was descended the royal house of Tudor, and, according to an authentic early record, the genealogy of Marchudel is deduced from Brutus, the first king of the Britons. The record, regarding the Williams family, states: "This most ancient family, of the principality of Wales, deduces its pedigree, with singular perspicuity, from Brutus, son of Silvius Posthumus, son of Ascanus, son of Aeneas, which Brutus was the first king of this island, and began to reign above eleven hundred years before the birth of Christ." Of course it is not possible, without exhaustive research, to indicate to which branch of the Williams family Glen Norman Williams belongs, but it is more than probable that his antecedents were Welsh, and not Scottish.

Glen Norman Williams received a public school education in the school of his native place, and since the closing of his school days he has spent practically all his time in farming occupations. By dint of steady direction of the plough, and intelligent observance of the developments of scientific farming, but chiefly by concentration upon his work, he has succeeded, and is

now well established in the material comforts of this life. His name is good, his record is an honorable one, and his characteristics are kindly and charitable. He is a steady supporter of the Methodist church, an enthusiastic member of the local Grange, and politically, he is affiliated with the Republican party, although he has not taken much part in political work. His community spirit is wholehearted and inviting and during his life he has always followed local affairs with marked interest, giving what help, personal and financial, he has been able to. During the great war just ended so successfully, his part was not inconsequential; he was one of the stalwart men who, by increased labor and intensified efforts, sought to draw from the land an increased yield, to offset the ravages caused in allied countries by the terrible struggle then proceeding. America's part in the cause of right against the forces of him who would have set right at naught was a praiseworthy one; but her part was not only that which finds its place in history as a record of battles fought. But for the abnormal agricultural yield of this country during the years of struggle, the allies probably would not have had the strength to continue. Therefore to every home soldier, to every earnest farmer, is due a recording of his share in the ultimate decisive victory. Glen N. Williams is probably satisfied with the part, however small it may have appeared in the national aggregate, he took in the increased agricultural production of this country during the years of war. Without such individual efforts, the difficulties would have enormously increased, and the fight might not have been finally won. Mr. Williams also bore his proper share of the financial burden which came upon the home people during the struggle; he generously gave of his means to the various funds raised to meet national war needs. Mr. Williams is connected with the State Bank of Randolph, and he properly has place among the representative agriculturists of Chautauqua county, N. Y.

In Canada, Glen N. Williams was married to Mina May Saunders, who was born April 20, 1878, the daughter of Austin and May (Graves) Saunders. They have one child, Sara Ettie Aurilla.

**CASSIUS MARCELLUS C. HEWES**—Chautauqua county is famous for its excellent agricultural advantages, and this is particularly true of Mayville, N. Y., a place which is the home of many prosperous and intelligent farmers. One of these, Cassius Marcellus C. Hewes, occupies a prominent place here and is well regarded as not only a farmer of unusual talents, but a man who combines keen business tactics in the disposition of his production to the local markets hereabouts.

Cassius Marcellus C. Hewes was born in the town of Chautauqua, Feb. 18, 1844, a son of Robert P. and Olive (Porter) Hewes. He received his education at the district schools of his native town, and after graduation from these institutions remained with his father on the latter's vast 500-acre farm. After the death of the elder man, Mr. Hewes inherited 200 acres of the old homestead estate, as well as the house, and he immediately set to work to rebuild the property, installing all the modern necessary improvements and remodeling the house until it is regarded as one of the finest structures hereabouts. Mr. Hewes does a very profitable

dairy business, and is the owner of forty sheep, ten cattle, as well as poultry and a splendid fruit farm. Mr. Hewes is very prominent in the social and club life of Mayville, and is a member of the local Grange here and has served as overseer. In politics he is a staunch adherer of the principles and policies of the Republican party, and served as assessor for twelve years, being one of the longest office holders. Mr. Hewes was one of a family of eight children, his other brothers and sisters being as follows: Mary J. Porter, deceased; John M., who married Lula Wellman, and is now deceased; Franklin M., who married Stella Wilkinson; Delbert M., who married ——— Marsh; Sidney M., who married, and is now the owner of a large farm in Dakota; Edward B. M., who married Florilla Tucker, and is at present engaged in the occupation of farming; Minnie, who became Mrs. Hatch and has one daughter, Florence L. M., who is a student in the schools of the region. Mr. Hewes, of this sketch, was exempt from service at the time of the Civil War on account of poor health. He is a splendid gentleman of the old school, of good clean thoughts, and his hobby is the keeping of a diary of local events, the contents of which is most interesting to all those who have the privilege of reading same. Mr. Hewes is one of the very prominent figures here and is looked up to, despite his considerable age, as a capable and efficient man of affairs.

**JOHN EDWIN BRIGGS**—Notable among the business men of Chautauqua county is John E. Briggs, who was born in Russell, Pa., Feb. 7, 1867, a son of William Washington and Louisa Ann (Gron) Briggs, the former named, a carpenter by trade, a Democrat in politics.

John E. Briggs received his education in the public schools of his native town, and after completing his studies took up the tinner's trade, which he has plied for nearly twenty years with remarkable success. Mr. Briggs is a Republican in politics, and that party finds in him a staunch upholder. He is also connected financially with the American National Bank of Jamestown, N. Y. In religious affiliation, Mr. Briggs is a member of the United Brethren church.

On Dec. 3, 1898, Mr. Briggs was united in marriage with Margaret Rowley, born in Sugar Grove, Pa., July 15, 1877, a daughter of Morrit Bemsley and Emma (Ritor) Rowley. To this union have been born two children: Sally Emma, May 23, 1912, and Morrit William, Sept. 23, 1914.

Mr. Briggs ranks among the more successful business men of Kiantone township, and he has a business record which any man might be proud of, for his course has ever been characterized by honorable dealing between himself and his fellowmen.

**ODEL FREDERICK CREE**—Since 1916, Mr. Cree, a successful carpenter and builder, has resided in the village of Celoron, where he is well established as a capable, reliable contractor. He is of Swedish birth and parentage, son of Charles E. and Sophie Louise (Anderson) Cree, his father a farmer.

Odel F. Cree was born in Sweden, Feb. 14, 1872, and was brought to the United States in 1878, and spent his

youth on a farm in the town of Busti, Chautauqua county, N. Y. He attended Busti public schools, and upon arriving at suitable age learned the carpenter's trade. His ambition led him into the contracting business in 1908, and in 1916 he bought his present residence in the village of Celoron, and is there engaged in business, well known and prosperous. In addition to his building operations, he has a number of teams and engages in a general hauling and teaming business. He is a member of the Patrons of Husbandry, an attendant of the Methodist Episcopal church, and in politics independent.

Mr. Cree married, Dec. 25, 1919, in Jamestown, N. Y., Elmo Maretta Sundholms, born Feb. 25, 1878, in Farmington, Pa., daughter of Charles and Louise Sundholms, the former named a native of Sweden.

**WILLIAM S. WINSLOW**—Among the prominent farmers of Westfield, Chautauqua county, N. Y., should be mentioned William S. Winslow, a native of Westfield, born April 6, 1870, on the farm whereon he now (1921) resides, he being a member of the third generation of Winslows to reside there, this being the only farm in the township that has not gone out of the possession of the original settlers. He is a son of Edward Hazelton and Martha M. (Cady) Winslow.

In the year 1825, Hazelton Winslow, of Paris Hill, near Waterville, Oneida county, N. Y., came to Westfield, in company with others, in search of land whereon to settle and make a home. Mr. Winslow purchased 120 acres from the Holland Land Company, then returned to his home, and the following year, 1826, returned and cleared a small portion of his purchase, and with the help of others put up a log house consisting of two rooms, the first summer a blanket being used in place of a door. He then returned to Paris Hill, and on Jan. 11, 1827, married Abigail Merrell, and in the following April, accompanied by his wife, made the journey to Westfield by way of the Erie canal to Buffalo, from there to Barcelona by boat, from there to Westfield by a wagon drawn by oxen. There their seven children were born, the oldest daughter, Esther, born in December, 1827, died at the age of ninety years, and the second daughter, Mrs. Sarah E. Walker, is now a resident of Detroit, Mich., aged ninety years, the last survivor of the family. Mr. Winslow disposed of fifty acres of his farm to Cyrus Bickford. The death of Mr. Winslow occurred in the year 1845. The remaining seventy acres were cultivated by his son, Edward Hazelton Winslow, until his death in 1915, aged eighty-three years, and since then by William S. Winslow, of this review.

Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Winslow, of whom four are now living: Edward, of Wesleyville, Pa.; William S., who now operates the farm; Bert, who resides in Erie, Pa., and one daughter, Alice M. Brady. The two children of William S. Winslow are the fourth generation to reside on the farm.

**MASON A. GILBERT**, respected and prosperous farmer at Ellington, Chautauqua county, N. Y., where he has lived for more than forty years, is a native of that place, born Oct. 1, 1875, the son of Edwin S. and Ida (Stone) Gilbert. His paternal ancestry connects

with a pioneer family of Livingston county, N. Y., Orison Gilbert having been born in Sparta, of that county, where he possessed a farming property. Edwin S. Gilbert was born in Poland township, Chautauqua county, N. Y., and his wife, Ida (Stone) Gilbert, mother of Mason A. Gilbert, was a native of Ellington, so that Mason A. Gilbert comes of a family long associated with Chautauqua county.

Mason A. Gilbert was educated in the Ellington public school, and eventually became a student at the high school of the place, and in due course creditably graduated therefrom. Thereafter, he took earnestly and industriously to farming. He is skilled in agriculture, and possessed of the steady purpose without which agriculture rarely yields material success, and he has prospered well by tilling the soil. He has a good farming estate, and has the esteem of his neighbors. Politically, Mr. Gilbert has given allegiance to the Republican party, but he has not actively interested himself in national politics. During the World War, he substantially contributed to the various funds prompted to satisfactorily prosecute the war, and he has always manifested a marked interest in local affairs. He is a member of the Free Methodist church of Ellington, and as such manifests the possession of devout and sincere conviction upon religious observances and service in general, and definite, outspoken opinion of many practices of life as they appear to a man of rigid Christian purpose.

Mason A. Gilbert married, March 24, 1892, Mary Luce, born May 24, 1876, daughter of Joseph and Lucy (Simons) Luce, of Ellington. To them have been born three children: Ida, born on Christmas Day, 1897; Beulah, born July 3, 1899; and Martin, born April 18, 1905. The children have been brought up in a wholesome Christian environment, in which the artificialities of the present day have no place.

**EUGENE A. HOAG**, who for almost fifty years has been a responsible and successful farmer in Chautauqua county, N. Y., near Gerry, was born Nov. 17, 1847, the son of Warren and Elmira (Day) Hoag. During the early years of Eugene A. Hoag, the family lived in Pennsylvania. He was educated, primarily, at the academy at Walford, Pa. Coming to New York State, the family settled in Chautauqua county, and Eugene A. Hoag acquired a good farming property, and profited materially in his operation of it. He has been a member of the local Grange for many years. During the war just ended, he subscribed as much as he was able to the various funds raised for the purposes and prosecution of the war, and in other ways manifested an ardent, patriotic spirit.

On Feb. 27, 1871, at Ellington, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Eugene A. Hoag was married to Iona M., daughter of Joseph and Emily (Terhune) Conet. His wife was born in Ellington, Aug. 5, 1851, and they became the parents of three children: Morrow J., born Dec. 19, 1871, died Feb. 21, 1916; Millicent A., became the wife of Carlton A. Wright; Edith D.

**HORACE O. FISHER**, respected and prosperous farmer of Falconer, Chautauqua county, N. Y., is well known among the agriculturists of that section of the

State, and has a good record both as a man of upright life and high moral characteristics and as a skillful farmer. He was born in Warren county, N. Y., April 23, 1853, a son of Ezra J. Fisher.

Horace O. Fisher attended the common school adjacent to his home, gaining a practical education thereby, and later gave his attention to farming operations, becoming in course of time the owner of a productive farm in Falconer, which he has cultivated and improved to a great extent, being ever ready to consider the adoption of modern scientific methods of farming which has stood the test as to cost of operation and increase or superiority of yield. Mr. Fisher is a Republican in politics, believing that the principles and policies of that party are for the greatest good of the people-at-large, and holds membership in Grange No. 528, Patrons of Husbandry, of Ellington.

Mr. Fisher married, Dec. 27, 1882, in Jamestown, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Miranda Lees, daughter of Samuel and (Toothill) Lees, both natives of England, born in Halifax and Bradford, respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher are the parents of one child, Ethel Violet, born in the town of Poland, N. Y., Dec. 13, 1883; she became the wife of Austin Peterson. Mr. and Mrs. Peterson are the parents of four children: Raymond, Lillian, Irene and Caroline.

**ELMER M. JOHNSON**, an energetic and successful farmer of Chautauqua county, N. Y., owner of a good agricultural property in the Gerry district of that county, was born Dec. 14, 1880, the son of August and Gustava (Anderson) Johnson.

In his youth he attended the Gerry public schools, and after leaving school applied himself industriously to farming occupations upon his father's farm, and eventually he married and became possessed of a farming property of his own in the district. He is a worthy representative of the Chautauqua county successful farmer, hard working, enterprising, and hospitable; a man of strong religious conviction, and definite views upon many subjects. He is an ardent Methodist, and a good supporter of the local church which he has attended since his youth.

Mr. Johnson is one of those who, by successful production, are helping to keep Chautauqua county in continued prosperity. He is of the enterprising younger generation of the county's agriculturists, and in the operation of his farm is ever ready to adopt modern methods which have been proved to be more advantageous than those formerly used and so he is likely to continue to increase the value of his farm holding. During the late war, he heartily cooperated with the government in its plan to bring increasing yield of foodstuffs from American farms. In that way, he had an appreciable share in the supreme national effort. He also patriotically contributed, to his uttermost, to the war loans and other funds raised for the necessities of the war.

Elmer M. Johnson married, March 21, 1912, in Falconer, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Lillian, daughter of C. J. and Hannah (Anderson) Johnson. They have one son, Burwell, born April 15, 1915.



**OSCAR F. JOHNSON**, member of the Gerry family of that name, and a successful young farmer of that part of Chautauqua county, N. Y., is a native of the county, and gives indication that he will worthily take place among the substantial agriculturists of the county.

He was born in Gerry, Chautauqua, county, N. Y., Nov. 23, 1884, the son of August and Gustava (Anderson) Johnson, of that place. The family is of Swedish origin, but in its present generation is American by birth, as well as inclination. August Johnson, father of Oscar F. Johnson, was born in Sweden, but has lived in this country most of his life, and has been a naturalized citizen for very many years. He has, by his life of useful, productive effort, proved himself to be a good citizen, one of the type by whose energy the country has advanced so rapidly during the last few decades.

Oscar F. Johnson attended the public schools of Gerry, after passing through the grades of which he began to work upon his father's farm. In course of time, he married and took a property of his own, at the same time giving his father all the aid he could in the cultivation of the home farm. And he has applied himself to agricultural work with a will to accomplish and he consequently has accomplished, his farming being in the main very successful. He is popular in the district, is a good neighbor and an earnest churchman. He is a member of the Methodist Protestant church, and a regular co-worker and attendant at the local church of that faith.

On Aug. 2, 1905, at Gerry, Mr. Johnson was married to Vida Wilson, daughter of Darrin and Lottie Wilson, and of a family which has long been resident in Chautauqua county. They have one child, Clyde O., born Sept. 28, 1911.

Mr. Johnson has held closely to the district of his birth and has lived a commendable, straightforward, steady life, one such as will eventuate in the possession of a competence, both of material things and of sincere friends.

**MASON H. TERRY**, who for many years has been a prominent figure in the general life of Ellington, Chautauqua county, N. Y., and where he has run successfully a saw mill, besides conducting a splendid farm, is a native of this place, born Oct. 2, 1860. He is a son of Hiram and Jerusha (Hatch) Terry, old and highly respected residents of Ellington.

Mr. Terry attended as a lad the local common schools and after completing his studies at these institutions assisted his father in the work upon the latter's farm. Later he became the possessor of a farm of his own which he has conducted with a high degree of success ever since, and which is now regarded as one of the models of its kind in this district. Later Mr. Terry began the operation of a saw mill at Ellington, where he handles a large quantity of timber felled in this part of the county, and for the finished product of which he has a large market, not only in Ellington, but in the region adjacent thereto. He is now recognized as one of the successful men of the community, and is prominently affiliated with the Jamestown National Bank. In politics he is a Republican, being a staunch supporter of the principles and policies of that party and taking an

active part in its affairs, although he has consistently avoided anything like public office or political preferment of any kind. He is a member of the local Grange. In religious belief Mr. Terry is a Congregationalist and attends the church of that denomination at Ellington.

Mason H. Terry was united in marriage, April 7, 1897, at Ellington, with Harriet M. Rice, born here, Aug. 20, 1870, a daughter of Augustus C. and Harriet (Bush) Rice, and they are the parents of four children, as follows: Howard R., born July 10, 1900; Richard B., born Sept. 30, 1902; Lewis M., born July 4, 1906, and Edward H., born Aug. 11, 1911.

**MARY R. ALLEN**, who is now living in comfortable retirement at Kennedy, Chautauqua county, N. Y., and esteemed by a large circle of friends in that section of the county, is a native of the county, and comes of an old Chautauqua county family; also Charles G. Allen, whom she married, came from a family which for at least three generations has had residence within the county.

Mary R. Allen was born in the town of Clymer, April 24, 1843, and received her academic education in the schools of that place. Her maiden name was Randall, her parents being Moses and Larry (Carr) Randall, of Clymer, where her father was a prosperous and respected farmer. She married, at Kennedy, N. Y., Charles G. Allen, son of Charles and Delilah Allen. He was born in Ellery township, in 1843, and lived a long life of industrious and successful farming at Kennedy, N. Y. They were the parents of George Randall Allen, who was born at Kennedy, and has, by his steady life and commendable characteristics, gained for himself a firm place in the respect of most residents in the district. Mrs. Allen has for more than fifty years had part in the social and community activities, included in which has been much church work in Kennedy and the vicinity, and she is revered by many people for her kindly qualities and charitable spirit.

**MARCUS L. WAITE**, well-to-do farmer of Kennedy, N. Y., in which section of Chautauqua county he has lived practically all his life, is a representative of the successful agriculturists of that part of the county. He has developed a substantial acreage until it has become valuable, has acquired a comfortable competence, and has raised a worthy family of seven children. He comes of an old Chautauqua county family, and was born in Poland, Aug. 14, 1849, the son of John B. and Delitha (Crandall) Waite. His father did some farming in the county, and later in life was a general store keeper at Mud Creek.

Marcus L. Waite received his early education in the public schools of his native place and eventually was a student at the Jamestown College. For three years after leaving college he was a school teacher, but eventually he took a farm and has reached success in that honest occupation. He has for very many years given loyal allegiance to the Republican party in politics, but has not taken active part in political work; he has preferred to attend to matters of production upon his own farm, and has always steadfastly refused any suggestion that he take public office. In affairs con-



nected with the local Grange, however, he has taken a keen interest ever since he became a member of it and has also, with his family, taken good part in the social community activities of the neighborhood, where the family is generally respected.

During the recent war, he took proper part in the activities that came within the scope of the home people; he bore his quota of subscription to the various funds willingly, and he did much, in the way of closer farming, to aid that national result which surprised the world, the abnormal yield of foodstuffs gained from American soil by the united patriotic effort of whole-hearted American farmers having no inconsequential part in the final victory won by America and her allies.

Marcus L. Waite married, in Poland, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Aug. 14, 1883, Henrietta E. Holladay, born Dec. 2, 1864, to Henry H. and Louisa Holladay. To Mr. and Mrs. Waite have been born seven children: 1. Kittie M., born June 27, 1884, married John Johnson, to whom she bore five children, by names and in order of birth, Edith, Sallie, Dora, Josephine and John. 2. Carl M., born July 25, 1889. 3. Bessie G., born April 23, 1891, married Laurence Washburg, becoming the mother of four children, Mavies, Berdina, Clebert and Clarence. 4. John C., born May 10, 1896. 5. William K., born March 30, 1898. 6. Mollie E., born Oct. 3, 1906. 7. Jabez A., born March 18, 1908.

Mr. Waite has lived a worthy life of industrious and productive effort, and now in his old age enjoys the blessings which are the result of wholesome living and honest dealing. His home circle is a happy one, and his friends are many.

**SAMUEL A. WILKINSON**, a respected resident, substantially placed, at Kennedy, Chautauqua county, N. Y., where he owns a farming property and also acts as telegrapher, has had an interesting career. For seven years he served the Nation in its military and naval forces, and is a man of broad mind, and one who has been to many parts of the world. Withal, he is a man of commendable, industrious habits, and a Christian of consistent observance of honorable principles. He is yet in the vigor of his early manhood, and is taking proper part in the responsibilities, political, communal, and productive, of the section of the county in which he has taken up his abode.

He was born May 28, 1882, at Cartmell, Mo., the son of A. B. and Elizabeth (Beach) Wilkinson. His father owned a farm in that place, and there the boy spent his early days, attending the public schools of the place. Eventually, he took a commercial course of study in the Valparaiso Business College, from which he ultimately graduated. However, he appears to have been of adventurous spirit and manly mind, and when he became old enough he enlisted in the Marine Corps of the United States Navy, serving a regular term of four years, during which he saw much of the world. He served in the regular forces of the Nation for a further three years, the second enlistment term being in the Signal Corps and it was probably during that term of service that he became an efficient telegraphist, in which capacity he still acts, in civil life. In addition to this, he has been a farmer in Kennedy.

As an old soldier, he took keen interest in the progress

of the recent war, and but for a time of family tension during 1917 and 1918, when his daughter was in earliest infancy, he probably would have been unable to resist the inclination to again enter the service and take active part with the fighting forces. As it was, he did his utmost in another phase of the national war effort, an effort which had appreciable effect upon the final decisive victory, which might not have come so quickly had it not been for the encouragement given the starving allies by the abnormal yields of foodstuffs gained by American farmers. He is a staunch Republican in politics, and religiously belongs to the Baptist church. He and his wife attend the church of that faith at Kennedy, and have many friends in the community.

Samuel A. Wilkinson was married, at Saginaw, Mich., June 17, 1914, to Nellie E. Elkins, born July 8, 1883, at Gratton Centre, Mich., daughter of William Joseph and Margarite Elkins, of New York City. Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson have one child, Ruth B., born Dec. 8, 1917.

Although he so recently came into Chautauqua county, Mr. Wilkinson gives indication of the possession of traits such as will make him a worthy coöperator in the advancement and maintenance of good production of the county. He has many sincere friends in the Kennedy district.

**JAMES C. PERRY**, successful and respected farmer of Kiantone township, Chautauqua county, N. Y., who has lived practically all his life within the county, and who purchased the property in Kiantone, in 1906, upon which his father first settled in 1864, was born in Kiantone township, Jan. 3, 1854. His parents, Clinton and Satira (Sherman) Perry, were both well known in that section of the county, and later Clinton Perry showed that he was a true patriot, for when the Civil War was in its darkest days of uncertainty, he enlisted in the 112th Regiment of New York Volunteers, and served with that famous regiment in all the campaigns in which it participated for three years and nine months. During his service, Clinton Perry was a sharpshooter, and later in life had prominent place in the activities of the organization constituted by his comrades, the 112th Regimental Association, and also in the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic.

James C. Perry attended the district school nearest to his home in his youth, and after leaving school took employment in the neighborhood. He has farmed practically all his life, and has prospered. He has been hard working, enterprising, and businesslike and above all has been straightforward in all his dealings. His life has been lived in accordance with the dictates of a high moral standard, and it has brought him much sincere respect from the people amongst whom he has lived. By steady, enterprising and skillful farming he has accumulated a satisfactory competence and by a steady, earnest, unselfish life he has gained a wealth of esteem from his neighbors. He has been a member of the Congregational church for the greater part of his adult years and he has been liberal in its support.

As was to be expected from the son of a Civil War patriot, he was intensely interested in the recent war. He endeavored to coöperate, to the best of his powers, with the aim of the government in one respect, namely,

to bring every possible acre of American agricultural land into successful bearing. And he closely supervised the operations upon his farm so as to prevent all waste, which was part of the government's plan by which it hoped to be able to ship a vast surplus of foodstuffs to Europe to replenish the seriously depleted granaries of our allies. The result of that effort is national history, and duly recorded in its imposing aggregate importance, but the part of the individual farmer has not, in fact hardly could have, been recorded, excepting in local histories such as this, in which usefulness, this current local history serves a good purpose, for to every loyal farmer who had part in the war effort which was of such vital weight in deciding the war in favor of America and her allies, this recording is due. In former days armies fought for nations; in the last great war, whole nations fought, although of course not all in the theater of military operations, but in recognizing the participants, the nations have held to the old method of only bringing into conspicuous record those who had part in the military and naval operations. It must have been a great source of gratification to a patriot of the fervor of James C. Perry to have been able, even in an unostentatious, prosaic way, to have had some part in the great struggle of Christian nations to circumvent the inhuman and unrighteous aims of might.

James C. Perry married, Sept. 3, 1881, in Kiantone, Christine Weiss, daughter of George Weiss. They have two children: Clinton; Ray, who eventually entered the teaching profession, and now is a member of the teaching staff of the Syracuse High School.

James C. Perry has lived a long life of useful, productive industry, has carved his way to success by his own efforts, and in all his dealings has observed the promptings of an honest intention. He has consequently held the esteem of his neighbors, most of whom are his sincere friends.

**WILLIAM NEWMAN**, well known in the Kiantone township section of Chautauqua county, N. Y., for long an inspector of lumber, and of late years a prosperous farmer in Kiantone township, where he is respected for his steady qualities of industry and his likable character, was born April 24, 1877, in Kiantone township, N. Y. He is the son of William J. and Margaret E. (Johnston) Newman, the former connected with agriculture for the greater part of his life, and later overseer at the Buffalo Creamery.

As a boy, William Newman attended the district school of his native place, and afterwards took employment as an agriculturist. He has always been energetic, never shirking honest toil, and bringing to his labor an intelligence which produced results. He has prospered in his industrious efforts, and has reared a good family. In the course of his occupations, he acquired a good knowledge of lumber, and for some years gave most of his time to lumbering enterprises, being an efficient inspector. Politically, he is a Republican, but has not entered actively into political affairs, that is, those of national scope. He has always been interested in the public affairs of his own district, and has more than once taken prominent part in such movements, but he has never held office in the local administration, neither

has he sought office. He is a Granger, member of the local Grange, and by religious persuasion is a Methodist of earnest practice. He has been a member of the local Methodist church for many years, and has loyally contributed to its support and in his general life has indicated that he is a conscientious churchman and Christian.

During the war, he contributed, as much as he was able to, to the various war funds, and in many other ways showed that he was wholly patriotic. His eldest son, although not of age to come within the selective draft, enlisted in the naval forces, and while the war was proceeding he endeavored to cooperate with the government in its aim to procure a surplus of foodstuffs, by giving close attention to the prevention of waste and to the bringing into cultivation every possible acre of agricultural land. The resulting surplus of foodstuffs had an important effect upon the outcome of the war.

William Newman was married, April 20, 1898, to Grace, daughter of Frank A. Hall. To Mr. and Mrs. Newman have been born six children: 1. Philip, born Nov. 19, 1899; he enlisted in the United States Navy before the end of the European War, and was in the naval school at Charleston, S. C. 2. Edna B., born May 4, 1901. 3. James T., born Sept. 22, 1904. 4. Ruth E., born Nov. 10, 1907. 5. Clair W., born July 1, 1912. 6. Ernest D., born May 8, 1917.

Mr. Newman has gained for himself a good reputation both for material and moral integrity, and has very many friends in the Kiantone township, and that part of Chautauqua county.

**EARL WILLIS CLARK**—Of the farming interests of Chautauqua county Earl Willis Clark is a worthy representative. He is overseer of the farm of Homer M. Preston, consisting of 11,000 acres, and in 1920 raised 4,000 bushels of corn. It is well improved, with modern equipments, and it forms one of the pleasing features of the landscape.

Mr. Clark was born in Warren county, Pa., Aug. 13, 1881. We have no record of his father and mother, his family having been broken up when he was very small. He was reared to manhood in Warren county, and to the public schools he is indebted for the early educational advantages he received. Later, however, he received a course of study in the Agricultural School of Nebraska.

In politics, Mr. Clark is an enthusiastic Republican, but in local affairs he votes for the men and measures he thinks are for the best interests of the people. He and his family are members of the Methodist church, and they take an active part in all things pertaining to its advancement. Mr. Clark is also connected financially with the Farmers and Mechanics Bank, of Jamestown, N. Y.

In Russell, Warren county, Pa., April 12, 1901, Mr. Clark was united in marriage with Gertrude C. Vanorde, a daughter of James and Marcel (Smith) Vanorde, and to this union have been born three children, as follows: Eleanor M., born Dec. 20, 1902; Willis E., born March 8, 1904; and Howard B., born July 21, 1906.

Mr. Clark's life has been one of untiring industry, and his well-directed labor has resulted in gratifying success. All who know him esteem him as a man of

genuine worth and upright qualities, and in matters of citizenship he has never withheld his support from movements for the general good.

**BROWNELL PETER HAZZARD**—The farming and stock raising interests of Carroll township have a worthy representative in B. P. Hazzard, a prosperous agriculturist, who engages there in general farming.

Mr. Hazzard was born Feb. 4, 1848. He received his early education in the public schools of his native town, and after completing his studies took up the agricultural business. For some time he was engaged in the livery business, but gave this up to accept a position as a mail carrier, which he continued for nearly three years. He then took up agricultural work again and continues in this at the present time. Mr. Hazzard was for some time commissioner of the highways. He is also a member of the Grange, and in religious affiliations is a Methodist. Mr. Hazzard married, July 4, 1871, in Fentonville, Alma Tittlefield, born Feb. 12, 1851, in the town of Carroll, daughter of George Washington and Almira Tittlefield. To Mr. and Mrs. Hazzard were born two children: 1. Wesley M., born May 20, 1877, married Anna Birch, and they are the parents of three children: Ethel A., Edith Sarah, and Rosemon. 2. George Aldridge, born Dec. 6, 1878.

Mr. Hazzard, having spent nearly his whole life in Chautauqua county, has a wide acquaintance and is popular with his many friends. In business he is noted for his capability and trustworthiness, and is today one of the valued representatives of the township.

**ODIN B. ARNOLD**, for many years a successful farmer and an influential figure in the affairs of Bemus Point, Chautauqua county, N. Y., is a native of the town of Ellery, a son of John and Mary B. (Griffith) Arnold, of Saratoga Springs and Ellery, at both of which places the former carried on the occupation of farming at different times.

Mr. Arnold had come from Saratoga Springs to Chautauqua county some time before the birth of his son, and it was at Ellery that his childhood was passed and that he received his education, attending for this purpose the local public schools. Upon completing his studies at these institutions, Mr. Arnold took up farming as an occupation, having already become thoroughly familiar with agricultural methods through assisting his father on the latter's place as a lad. For forty years he has continued thus occupied, and at the present time is the owner of a valuable farm at Bemus Point, which he has always kept in the highest state of cultivation and which under his capable management produces large and successful crops. Of more recent years, Mr. Arnold has added materially to the income derived from his farm by taking summer boarders, having turned his spacious and comfortable dwelling into a boarding house for summer guests. Mr. Arnold has long been known in the community for the active and disinterested part he has taken in local affairs, and has won an enviable reputation for capability and integrity in the several offices he has held. For twenty-eight years he has served his fellow-townsmen as justice of the peace, an office he continues to hold at the present time, and he has also

been overseer of the poor and a member of the local Board of Health. In all of these he has discharged the responsible duties of his posts with efficiency and honor, and done much to advance the general welfare of the region. He is conspicuous in social and fraternal circles and is affiliated with a number of important organizations hereabouts, including Lodge No. 585, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Grange. In his religious belief he is a Universalist.

Odin B. Arnold married (first) Dec. 24, 1864, Ruth P. Van Wouert, and they were the parents of one child, Nettie D. Arnold, now Mrs. Winchester. The first Mrs. Arnold died Nov. 26, 1872, and on March 14, 1876, Mr. Arnold married (second) Minnie C. Buell, born Aug. 17, 1851.

**CHARLES A. PETERSON**—There is no more representative element in the population of Chautauqua county, N. Y., than that furnished by the great class of prosperous farmers, fruit growers and agriculturists, generally, of which there is so great a number in this thriving community. It is from this class that the many cities, towns and villages draw to a very large extent for their leaders and public men, its members filling many important offices and posts in the public service and political life of the region, as well as occupying many positions of trust and responsibility in more private capacities. Of these again a goodly number is furnished by the large group of men of Swedish extraction that have either themselves settled here or are the descendants of others who have done so. Among the latter should be mentioned Charles A. Peterson, for many years a successful farmer of Ellicott township, Jamestown, whose public-spiritedness and enterprise have made him a conspicuous figure in the neighborhood. Mr. Peterson is a son of Perry and Hannah (Anderson) Peterson, both natives of Sweden, who came to the United States from that country in the year 1854 and have since resided in the town of Ellery. To Perry Peterson and his wife four children were born, as follows: Charles A., with whom we are here principally concerned; Emma, who became the wife of Gustavesen Anderson, deceased, to whom she has borne three children, Nellie, Ellen and Lavern; Lettie, who resides at Jamestown; and Clara, who died July 12, 1917.

Charles A. Peterson was born in Ellery, Sept. 12, 1860, and passed his childhood at that place, attending the local public schools, where he received an excellent general education, and during the summer months he assisted his father on his farm. He thus received early in life a practical training for the occupation that he has since followed, and of which he has made such excellent use during his adult life. After the completion of his studies, Mr. Peterson took up farming more consistently, and in time became the owner of his present fine farming property, which he has kept in such a high state of cultivation and productivity that it is recognized as one of the model places of the region. He has not by any means, however, confined himself entirely to his private activities, but has always participated to a great extent in the general affairs of the community and showed a degree of disinterestedness



and devotion quite unusual in his public service. Always keenly interested in educational matters, the importance of which he has emphasized, he has done his best to promote an adequate system of schools for Jamestown and has rendered invaluable service in this direction, especially in the discharge of the duties of clerk of the local school board, an office that he held for twenty-five years. His efficiency and intelligence in this post has been universally admitted by his fellow-citizens of all political beliefs who have accorded him hearty approval in his truly fruitful work. Mr. Peterson is also an active member of the Grange. In religious belief he is a Methodist.

**JESSE M. HOARD**—Although born in the neighboring county of Cattaraugus, July 24, 1854, Jesse M. Hoard has long been a resident of Chautauqua county, and is now one of the substantial farmers of the county and owns the farm on which he lives in the town of Ellicott. Mr. Hoard is a son of John and Lurana (Wearden) Hoard, his father a farmer of Cattaraugus county, N. Y. Jesse M. Hoard was educated in the public schools of the district, and has devoted his life to the business of a farmer. He is a Democrat in politics, a member of the Patrons of Husbandry, and an attendant of the Union Church.

Mr. Hoard married, in Cattaraugus county, N. Y., July 10, 1878, Eliona Whitmore, born in Cattaraugus county, N. Y., July 16, 1857, daughter of Denison and Almira (Earl) Whitmore. Mr. and Mrs. Hoard are the parents of five children: Albert Lee, born Aug. 18, 1881; Lowry Laura, born June 9, 1883; Carl Percy, born October, 1884; Earl Morgan, born Feb. 17, 1888; and Edward Clinton, born April 25, 1890.

**ALFRED THOMAS LINDQUIST**—Among the successful farmers of the rich agricultural region of Chautauqua county, N. Y., should be mentioned Alfred Thomas Lindquist, who has been actively engaged in the raising of various farm products in the neighborhood of the town of Levant for a number of years. Mr. Lindquist was born at Levant, May 22, 1887, a son of Jacob Albert and Elizabeth (Morley) Lindquist, old and highly respected citizens of that place, where the elder Mr. Lindquist, like his son, was engaged in farming operations.

Alfred Thomas Lindquist was reared in that wholesome environment in which what is probably the finest and strongest element in our citizenship has its training, the environment of farm life and labor, for as a lad he assisted his father with the work upon the elder man's place and gained there the splendid physical health which he now enjoys, as well as special training in the occupations he has since followed on his own account. This work he followed as a lad during the summer months, and in the winter attended the local public schools, where he gained his early education, but as he was a progressive youth he was not satisfied with this and later went to Jamestown, where he was a student at the Business College of that city. Upon completing his studies at this institution he devoted himself more entirely to helping his father for a time, and he

then became the owner of a farm which he has since conducted on his own account with a marked degree of success. His energy and knowledge of agricultural methods have brought his property up to a high point of cultivation and his crops are always of the finest character. He justly enjoys the reputation of a prosperous and capable man, and holds a high place in the esteem of his fellow-citizens throughout the region. Mr. Lindquist is an ardent supporter of the Prohibition cause, and has taken as active a part in the movement in this part of the country as his preoccupation with his agricultural interests will permit.

Alfred Thomas Lindquist was united in marriage, May 30, 1908, at Kennedy, with Esther Amelia Eckholm, a native of Sweden. To Mr. and Mrs. Lindquist six children have been born, as follows: John Albert, Joseph Harold, Charles Kenneth, Ellis Morley, Elizabeth Minetha and Beatrice Mattie.

**GEORGE J. ANDERSON**, one of the most successful and progressive farmers of Chautauqua county, N. Y., was born in that State, Nov. 20, 1867. He attended as a lad the common schools, where he obtained an excellent education, and at the same time assisted his father in the latter's business. Later he became the possessor of a valuable farm and ever since has engaged in the raising of general products which he has successfully disposed of in the nearby markets. Under his skillful and energetic handling his farm has been brought to a very high state of cultivation and productivity, and is now regarded as one of the best and most flourishing of its kind in the region of Ellington. Mr. Anderson, in addition to his agricultural operations, is a well known figure in the general life of the community. In politics he is a staunch Republican, and is regarded as one of the leaders of his party in the neighborhood. In religious belief he is a Congregationalist.

George J. Anderson was united in marriage, May 4, 1880, at Conewango, with Maria E. Hall, a native of that place, born July 8, 1858, a daughter of Artemus and Elmira (Mount) Hall. To Mr. and Mrs. Anderson four children have been born, as follows: Berry M., born May 24, 1881; Richard Andrew, born Feb. 28, 1883; Katherine M., and Hall Artemus.

**ALBERT ADELGREN**—One of the most energetic and prosperous citizens of Bemus Point, Chautauqua county, N. Y., is undoubtedly Albert Adलगren, a native of Sweden, in which country his birth occurred March 22, 1870, a son of Carl Frederick and Anna Sophia (Scharlottie) Adलगren, who were also natives of that country.

The elder Mr. Adलगren was a farmer by occupation, and his son learned the elements of that calling during his childhood, which was spent on the home farm. He also attended the public schools of his home region and later a college of agriculture, from which he was graduated. He came to the United States and located at Bemus Point, N. Y., where he became the owner of his present fine farm property in Ellery township. Since that time he has met with marked success in all his



operations, and is today regarded as one of the most skillful and accomplished agriculturists of the region. Mr. Adelgren served for three years in the regular army of Sweden before coming to this country, and has at all times lived up to the highest standards of citizenship and performed all the duties devolving upon him as a resident of the various communities in which he has made his home. He is a Republican in politics, and gives a keen and intelligent interest to the great questions and issues of the day. He is a member of the Grange, and takes an active part in promoting the agricultural interests of this region. In religious belief he is a Lutheran and attends the Swedish Lutheran Church of Bemis Point.

Albert Adelgren was united in marriage, Feb. 1, 1908, at Pittsburgh, Pa., with Albertina Anderson Johnson, like himself a native of Sweden, where her birth occurred Feb. 15, 1869, a daughter of John Anderson and Charlotte (Persson) Johnson, of that country. To Mr. and Mrs. Adelgren the following children have been born: Frederick Ray, born July 5, 1910, and Elsa Victoria Albertina, born Aug. 20, 1913.

**THEODORE OSCAR JOHNSON**, an enterprising and successful farmer of the town of Ellicott, Chautauqua county, N. Y., was born Oct. 5, 1880, and educated in the graded and high schools of Jamestown, N. Y. After leaving high school he became a metal worker in Jamestown shops, and so continued for fifteen years. He then bought the farm in the town of Ellicott upon which he resides, and engaged in general and dairy farming. He is a member of the Lutheran church, and in politics is a Republican.

Mr. Johnson married, in the Swedish Methodist Episcopal church in Jamestown, Feb. 6, 1901, Alma Christine Olson, born in Jamestown, June 24, 1883, daughter of Christian and Ida Maria (Johnson) Olson, her parents born in Norway and Sweden. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are the parents of two sons: Glen Howard, born Aug. 7, 1903; and Alton Theodore, born May 17, 1905.

**AARON WARD**—Born Jan. 30, 1825, in Albany, N. Y., Aaron Ward came in early life to Chautauqua county and settled with his father in the town of Ellicott, where his sons, Henry A. and George Edwin Ward, reside, their sister, Emma C., their housekeeper. The farm has been in the family a hundred years. Aaron Ward was a hard working, prosperous farmer, and continued the active manager of his farm until his death, Sept. 28, 1903. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and a man highly regarded by his neighbors.

Aaron Ward married, in Ellicott, Nov. 20, 1857, Isabella Dillingham, daughter of Jacob and Mary Ann Dillingham. Mrs. Ward died July 25, 1903, her husband surviving her a little over two months. They were the parents of six children: Emma C., born Dec. 28, 1858, residing at the home farm in Ellicott; Henry A., born Aug. 19, 1861, residing at the home farm; George Edwin, born Aug. 19, 1863, residing at the home farm; E. A., born Aug. 12, 1865; Almira, born Aug. 12, 1867; and Theodore A., born May 8, 1869.

**NICHOLAS NORBY**—When a man of thirty-four, Mr. Norby left his home in Sweden and came to the United States. He did not join his countrymen in Chautauqua county until a quarter of a century later, casting his fortunes with those whom he knew, who had made their homes in the West. When finally he came to Chautauqua county, in the year 1900, he settled in the town of Kiantone, and there bought a good farm upon which he has ever since resided (1920). He is a son of Olaf and Mary Norby, his father a farmer and blacksmith of Sweden.

Nicholas Norby was born in Sweden, Oct. 22, 1850, and there grew to manhood, was educated, and served the required three years in the Swedish army. In 1884 he came to the United States and settled in the city of Chicago, Ill., where he spent twenty years engaged in business of varied nature. From Chicago he moved to Western Wisconsin, where he spent five years, then came to Kiantone, Chautauqua county, N. Y., where he bought a good farm and there resides. He is a member of the Swedish Mission church, and in politics is a Republican.

Mr. Norby married, in Chicago, Aug. 23, 1880, Jennie Johnston, born in Sweden, daughter of Alford and Clara (Rennell) Johnston, both her parents of Swedish birth and parentage. Mr. and Mrs. Norby are the parents of two children: Julia, born Jan. 10, 1891; Edwin B., born Dec. 31, 1892, married Anna Larsen.

**JENS ANDREAS JENSEN**—A farmer of the Jamestown section of Chautauqua county, Mr. Jensen is a representative of the Danish people of the county, earnest, industrious and thrifty, loving the soil and determined to own their own acres. Mr. Jensen's farm lies in the south part of the town of Busti, on the Jamestown Rural Free Delivery Route No. 78, and in section 55. He is a son of Andreas and Anne Kristine Jensen, both natives of Denmark.

Jens Andreas Jensen was born in Denmark, March 5, 1861, and was there educated in the public schools. He was a farmer from youth, and after coming to the United States became a landowner as above mentioned. Mr. Jensen married, May 1, 1886, Sofie Petrea Gudmonson, daughter of Jens Peter and Lisse Gudmonson. Mr. and Mrs. Jensen are the parents of two children: Charles Andreas, born May 20, 1887; and Dagma Andrea Sofie, born April 14, 1889.

**ERIC ALFORD LINDELL**—Although comparatively a newcomer in Chautauqua county, Mr. Lindell has since 1917 been enrolled among the land owners of the town of Busti, there owning and cultivating the farm upon which he resides. He is a son of John and Caroline (Erierson) Lindell, his father a farmer of Sweden, where Eric A. Lindell was born Feb. 13, 1873. Eric A. Lindell was educated in good Swedish schools, and engaged in farming in his native land until 1912, when he came to the United States, arriving Sept. 1. Five years later he bought the farm in the town of Busti upon which he has since resided. Prior to his coming to the United States, Mr. Lindell served four years in the Swedish army, service which under the law he was compelled to render. He is a member of the

Swedish Lutheran church, and is allied with the Republican party.

Mr. Lindell married, in Sweden, May 5, 1903, Adla Matilda England, born in Sweden, daughter of Frederick and Christine (Johnson) England, both of Swedish birth and parentage.

**VERNER NELSON**—In 1911 Mr. Nelson purchased the farm in Busti, Chautauqua county, N. Y., upon which he now resides. The years have brought him good return for his energetic labor, and the farm has been wonderfully improved during his ownership. Mr. Nelson is of Swedish birth and parentage, son of Anton and Anna (Nelson) Nelson, both of ancient Swedish family.

Verner Nelson was born in Sweden, Aug. 25, 1884, and there spent his youth. After finishing his school years he was engaged with his father in farming for a time, then came to the United States, finding a home in Chautauqua county, N. Y., where in 1911 he bought a farm in section 61, town of Busti, upon which he still resides. He is a member of the local Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, is a Republican in politics, and a member of the Swedish Lutheran church.

Mr. Nelson married, in Jamestown, N. Y., Feb. 18, 1907, Alfreda Carlson, born Jan. 5, 1889, in Sweden, daughter of Carl August and Anna Margaret (Matson) Carlson. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson are the parents of three children: Eleanor Lena, born Nov. 3, 1908; Alva, born Nov. 30, 1911; and Ray Arthur Ludwig, born Feb. 11, 1918.

**WESLEY J. YOUNG**—In 1910, Wesley J. Young, of Cherry Creek, Chautauqua county, N. Y., bought his present farm in section 1, there brought his bride and there has spent the first decade of his married life. He is a son of James and Catherine (Schoenfeld) Young, his father a farmer of Cattaraugus county, N. Y., who at the time of the birth of his son, Wesley J., was living in the town of Leon.

Wesley J. Young was born in Leon, Cattaraugus county, N. Y., Oct. 17, 1885, and there obtained his education in the district schools. When school years were over, Mr. Young began his successful career as an agriculturist, locating in the town of Cherry Creek, Chautauqua county, where he has been very successful and prosperous. His home property is finely improved with dwelling, barns and all that bespeaks the successful modern farmer. He is a member of the Patrons of Husbandry, the Methodist Episcopal church, and in politics is a Republican.

Mr. Young married, at Olean, N. Y., Feb. 28, 1912, Ruth Godfrey, born in Olean, April 1, 1889, daughter of Franklin M. and Amelia (Van Dusen) Godfrey, her father born in Olean, N. Y., her mother in Chatham, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Young are the parents of three children: Robert F., born Nov. 25, 1912; Charles F., born July 30, 1916; and James A., born May 14, 1918.

**JOHN BENJAMIN COOPER**—This branch of the Cooper family came early to Leon, Cattaraugus county, N. Y., from the East, as did the Stewarts, Mrs. Cooper's grandfather, Silas Stewart, born in Vermont,

making the journey from that State with an ox team. Silas Stewart settled in the town of Cherry Creek, Chautauqua county, and in that town his granddaughter, Mrs. Cooper, was born.

Ezra W. Cooper, grandfather of John B. Cooper, came early to the town of Leon, Cattaraugus county, N. Y., and there his son, Frank Cooper, was born. He married Anita Chaplin, and they were the parents of John Benjamin Cooper, now a farmer of section 1, town of Cherry Creek, and the owner of eighty acres of prime land.

John B. Cooper was born in Leon, Cattaraugus county, N. Y., March 4, 1882. He attended the district school, finishing his education at Ellington High School. He has followed agriculture all his mature years, and on Nov. 1, 1915, bought his present farm in Cherry Creek, which he has since conducted successfully and profitably. He is a member of the Grange, and a Methodist in religion.

Mr. Cooper married, April 13, 1904, in South Dayton, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Flora M. Stewart, born Oct. 7, 1885, in Cherry Creek, daughter of John and Matilda (Shattuck) Stewart, and granddaughter of Silas Stewart.

**LEVI LOOMIS**—In 1838, Daniel Loomis, father of Levi Loomis, came in an ox cart with wife and baby from Tompkins county, N. Y., settling in the town of Harmony, Chautauqua county, in that part known as the village of Ashville. He settled on a farm, but he was also a stone cutter and owner of the stone hedge quarry from which he quarried the stone used in the erection of Governor Fenton's mansion in Jamestown. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, a man of strong religious nature, serving the church as a local preacher.

Levi Loomis, son of Daniel and Hannah (Capell) Loomis, was born in the town of Harmony, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Dec. 15, 1838, died at his home, April 1, 1915. He was his father's assistant in farming and in the quarry, learning later the trade of stone cutter. This trade he later abandoned in favor of farming and long cultivated the farm upon which he resided, near Lakewood, in the town of Ellicott. The farm is now valuable and is readily available for building purposes. Mr. Loomis was a Democrat in politics, a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, the Patrons of Husbandry, and of Lakewood Lodge, No. 628, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Mr. Loomis married, July 4, 1865, in Busti, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Marie E. Freeman, born in Harmony, Chautauqua county, N. Y., March 26, 1850, daughter of Lyman and Eliza (Flanders) Freeman. Lyman Freeman was born near Auburn, N. Y. Eliza (Flanders) Freeman was born in Cambridge, Genesee county, N. Y., a daughter of Moses Flanders, a Revolutionary soldier, as was Hiram Pratt, another member of the family.

**BERT M. CAMPBELL**—As the tenant of a good farm of 205 acres in the town of Busti, Mr. Campbell has been very successful and he is perfectly willing to continue the present arrangements as long as it can be made to yield such profitable returns. When they

fail he will till his own acres. He is a general farmer, but specializes in dairy farming to a large extent, maintaining a herd of thirty cows. He has brought up the farm equipment to fit modern conditions, and the appearance of the farm indicates the careful, efficient, prosperous management of Mr. Campbell. He is a son of William and Clarinda Campbell, both parents natives of Pennsylvania, his father a farmer.

Bert M. Campbell was born in Warren county, Pa., Nov. 19, 1880, and was there educated. He was early taught the habits of industry, and was long his father's farm assistant. When choosing an occupation for life, he continued in the same line and is one of the successful young farmers who have made of farming a business to be developed and operated on scientific principles and not merely by muscular energy. He is a member of the Patrons of Husbandry, of the Methodist Episcopal church, and his political faith is Republican.

Mr. Campbell married, in Ashville, N. Y., Dec. 7, 1908, Alma Spooner, born Aug. 14, 1883, in Ashville, daughter of W. F. and Helen (Westcott) Spooner, her father born at Ashville, a farmer, her mother born at Open Meadows, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell are the parents of a son, William Russell, born Sept. 17, 1917.

**RAY MILLER**—In the town of Sheridan, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Ray Miller was born, educated and began the battle of life. A farmer's son, he was early taught the business of the modern farmer, and in 1900, when a young man, he came to his present farm in Cherry Creek, where he has continued general and dairy farming with much success until the present. He is a son of George and Emma (Essex) Miller, born Aug. 9, 1882. He is a member of the Baptist church. Mr. Miller married, at Sinclairville, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Dec. 18, 1907, Alida May Shattuck, born Jan. 28, 1873, in the town of Villenova, Chautauqua county, N. Y., daughter of Bert and Eunice (Abbey) Shattuck. The Miller farm is located on section 18, town of Cherry Creek.

**MARION L. GREENLEE**—In 1915, Mr. Greenlee, then a resident of Celoron, bought the fine property on Wellman avenue, town of Ellicott, Chautauqua county, and there resides at the present time (July, 1920). He has prospered in his various undertakings and has around him substantial evidences of his industry and thrift.

Marion L. Greenlee was born in Warren county, Pa., Dec. 14, 1862, and there attended public school. He is a cabinetmaker by trade. After coming to Chautauqua county, N. Y., he was variously employed, and finally settled in Celoron, there residing until moving to his present home on Wellman avenue, Ellicott. He is a Republican in politics, and a member of the United Brethren church.

Mr. Greenlee married, June 3, 1870, in Warren county, Pa., Alta E. Thompson, born in Tidioute, Pa., April 20, 1863, daughter of J. A. Thompson, born at Thompson Station, Pa., and his wife, Frances F. (Blodgett) Thompson, born in Busti, Chautauqua county, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Greenlee are the parents of five children: Frances Marion, born April 30, 1890; Clara T.,

born Dec. 27, 1892, died Feb. 18, 1915; Alta Rosamond, born April 21, 1893; J. Earl, born Aug. 3, 1894; Ivan H., born April 24, 1896; he entered the United States army, Sept. 20, 1917, went overseas with American Expeditionary Forces, May 24, 1918, served with the 307th Battery, 78th Division, and was honorably discharged, May 24, 1919.

**GEORGE RICHARD HARRIS**, a tool maker, residing in West Jamestown, on Rural Free Delivery Route, No. 77, was born in Thompson, Conn., July 21, 1883, son of John Gilmore and Isabel (Terwilliger) Harris, his father born in New York City, his mother in Scotland. After completing his school years, he learned the toolmaker's trade and has since followed that occupation. He is a skilled mechanic, a Republican in politics, an Episcopalian in religious faith, and in fraternal relation an Odd Fellow, affiliated with Mount Tabor Lodge, Jamestown.

Mr. Harris married, Jan. 19, 1907, in New York City, Eva Harriet Leshane, born Oct. 31, 1870, in St. Johns, Newfoundland, Canada, daughter of William John and Caroline A. (Tuft) Leshane. In 1918, Mrs. Eva H. Harris opened a general grocery store on Wicks avenue, Celoron, which she owns and has successfully operated for two years. This is her own business venture and she has built up a good trade, her store being well stocked and attractive. Mr. and Mrs. Harris are the parents of a son, Joseph P., born July 20, 1909.

**ALBERT HOWARD HASKINS**—The Haskins Dairy Farm, located in the town of Busti, Chautauqua county, N. Y., comprising 175 acres, was purchased by Albert H. Haskins in the year 1893, and for twenty-seven years he has devoted himself to its development and management. He is one of the well known, successful dairymen of the county, and his herd of thirty-five cows is a carefully selected one. Mr. Haskins is well known in his town and highly respected. He is a son of Henry and Mary (Holt) Haskins, both parents born in the town of Carroll, Chautauqua county, N. Y., his father a farmer by occupation in the town of Carroll.

Albert Howard Haskins was born in Carroll, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Feb. 10, 1868. He was educated in the public schools, completing his studies in Frewsburg High School. He later turned his attention to farming, first as his father's assistant, then on his own account, purchasing a farm in section 24, town of Busti, upon which he has since resided. He has added to its value by careful cultivation and modern methods, his specialty dairy farming. His farm is known as the Haskins Dairy Farm, and is served by Jamestown Rural Free Delivery, No. 77. Mr. Haskins is a member of the Patrons of Husbandry, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and in politics is a Republican.

Mr. Haskins married, in Randolph, N. Y., Dec. 12, 1893, Nellie P. Higgins, born in Dunkirk, N. Y., Dec. 27, 1868, daughter of John and Mary (Ryan) Higgins, her father born in Ireland. Mr. and Mrs. Haskins are the parents of three sons: Gilbert, born March 15, 1903; Henry, born Oct. 23, 1906; and Mark, born Dec. 26, 1908.



**ERIC A. STROMGREN**—Jacob Stromgren, a farmer of Sweden, and his wife, Clara (Swanson) Stromgren, came to the United States and settled in Ludlow, Pa., where their son, Eric A. Stromgren, was born, Aug. 27, 1884. The lad, Eric A., was educated in the public schools, and has for several years been a resident of Chautauqua county, his home and farm in the town of Busti, while he holds a responsible position in Jamestown. He is a member of the L. B. of A. M. of Ludlow, Pa., is a Republican in politics, and a member of the Swedish Lutheran church.

Mr. Stromgren married, in Jamestown, April 11, 1910, Garnet (Wetmore) ———, born in Darby, Pa., Nov. 7, 1888, daughter of Frank M. and Ida Wetmore. Mrs. Stromgren at the time of her marriage was a widow with two children, Beryl Burns, born Dec. 28, 1904, and Edwin, born Dec. 25, 1905. Mr. and Mrs. Stromgren are the parents of a son, Ivan, born Sept. 10, 1912.

**ELOF HANSON**—Hanson is a name often found in Jamestown and vicinity, this branch of the family being residents of Celoron, Elof Hanson, its head, coming from Sweden. His two sons, Oliver H. and Bartholomew C., were born in Jamestown, and are connected with the business life of that city. Elof Hanson was born in Sweden, Feb. 24, 1867, and was educated in the public schools. He spent the years of his youth in Sweden, later coming to the United States and locating in Jamestown, Chautauqua county, N. Y., where many of his countrymen had preceded him. His home in Celoron is on Jackson boulevard. He is a member of the Swedish Methodist Episcopal church, and in politics a Republican. Honest and industrious, he has gained the respect of his neighbors, and all who know him best have only words of commendation for his upright life.

Mr. Hanson married, in Oil City, Pa., Sept. 27, 1894, Augusta Eleanor Swenson. Two sons were born to them, namely: Oliver Henry, born June 16, 1895, educated in the public school, now a bookkeeper with the Gurney Ball Bearing Company of Jamestown; and Bartholomew Clarence, born Sept. 20, 1899, a metal worker of Jamestown.

**GLENN LEE WAITH**—Among the prominent farmers of Ellington, Chautauqua county, N. Y., should be mentioned Glenn Lee Waith, who has been for a number of years so engaged in this locality. Mr. Waith is a son of Frank Lee and Lillian (Davis) Waith, the former a prominent citizen of Ellington, where he was engaged in business as a stock buyer and coal dealer.

Glenn Lee Waith was born at Ellington, April 10, 1885, and passed his childhood in his native place, where he obtained his education, attending the local public schools for this purpose. Upon completing his studies at these institutions, Mr. Waith purchased a farm at Ellington, and since that time has followed agricultural pursuits here with a high degree of success. He has now brought his place into a very high state of cultivation, and it is regarded as one of the model farms of the region. In addition to his farming activities, Mr. Waith has also taken an active part in

the business interests of Ellington, and is now affiliated prominently with the management of the Union Trust Company of Jamestown, having extended his interests to that city. He is a member of the Republican party, being a staunch supporter of its principles and policies, but although his voice is influential in the party councils of Chautauqua county, he has always consistently avoided anything like public office or political preference of any kind. In his religious belief Mr. Waith is a Congregationalist and attends the church of that denomination at Ellington.

Glenn Lee Waith was united in marriage, March 27, 1910, at Randolph, N. Y., with Ruth Harrington, a native of that place, born Aug. 9, 1889. Mr. and Mrs. Waith are the parents of two children, as follows: Warren Harrington, and Clorie Waymon.

**FRANS PEARSON**—Of Swedish birth and parentage, Frans Pearson, a prosperous dairy farmer of the town of Ellicott, has demonstrated his manly character, thrift and enterprise by taking rank among the substantial, successful men of his adopted town. He is a son of Pierre and Clarissa Pearson, his father a farmer.

Frans Pearson was born in Sweden, Sept. 17, 1868, and there was educated, served three years in the Swedish regular army, and became well acquainted with actual farm labor. After coming to the United States he located in Chautauqua county, N. Y., and in 1917 bought the farm in the town of Ellicott upon which he now resides. He operates as a dairy farmer, maintains a fine herd of Holsteins, and markets 600 quarts of milk daily in Jamestown. He is liberal in his political views, and is a member of the Swedish Lutheran church. He has won the good opinion of his neighbors and is respected by all who know him.

Mr. Pearson married (first) May 3, 1891, Helena Augusta Joheg, who died Jan. 2, 1908, and they were the parents of seven children: Carl, Reuben, Edwin, Henry, Robert, Elmer and Harriet. Mr. Pearson married (second) Freda Kellean, born in Sweden, Nov. 22, 1879, and they are the parents of two sons, Vernon and Richard.

**ELVERTON B. CRISSEY**, who for many years was one of the leading financiers of Chautauqua county, New York, where he was actively associated with some of the most important banks and financial institutions, was a member of a family which could claim a distinguished antiquity, both in this country and in England. It was founded in the latter country at the time of the Conquest, its progenitor having been one of those warlike Normans, who followed William the Conqueror on his momentous expedition from Normandy, and took part in the battle of Hastings, 1056, A. D. The name is found on the Roll of Battle Abbey, and appears under various forms in subsequent English records. Indeed, at the time of its founding in America by Mighil Cresse, there were no less than twenty-three spellings of the name in use, and, while in this country it is not a very common one, it is, nevertheless, widespread, and may be found in practically every State of the Union.

(1) Mighil Cresse came from England with his



brother William and located at Salem, Mass., in the year 1649, his birth having occurred about 1628, so that he must have been about twenty-one years of age at the time of his emigration. Mr. Cresse lived for a time in the family of Lieutenant Thomas Lathrop, who with sixty of his soldiers fell in the battle of Bloody Brook, near Deerfield, Sept. 18, 1675. From 1652 to 1663 he lived with the family of Joshua Ray at "Royalside," Salem, now Beverly. He married (first) in the year 1658, Mary Bachelder, who was born at Salem in 1640, a daughter of John and Elizabeth Bachelder, of "Royalside," and who died in August, 1659. He later removed to Ipswich, where he married (second) April 6, 1660, Mary Quilter, a daughter of Mark Quilter. His death occurred in April, 1670, and that of his second wife, May 7, 1707. Mighil Cresse had one child by his first wife, John, mentioned below; and by his second wife, three children, Mighil, William and Mary.

(II) John Crissey, only child of Mighil Cresse by his first wife, was born in August, 1659, at "Royalside," Salem, Mass. His father's death occurred when he was but eleven years of age, and after that event he lived with his Grandfather Bachelder. In 1675 he chose in court his uncle, Joseph Bachelder, as his guardian. As a man he followed the occupation of tailor at "Royalside," residing on land which he had inherited from his maternal grandfather, and he became well known in the affairs of the community. He was a deacon of the second church at Beverly, and was a man of strong religious convictions. His grave is marked by a slate stone, upon which appears the inscription: "Here lyeth the body of Deacon John Cressy, who died July 22nd, 1735, in ye 76th year of his age."

He married Sarah Gaines, born Nov. 23, 1665, a daughter of John and Mary (Tredwell) Gaines, of Ipswich. Her death occurred at "Royalside," April 4, 1751. They were the parents of the following children: Mary; John, who died in infancy; Sarah; John; Joseph; Daniel, mentioned below; Job, Benjamin, Hannah, Abigail and Noah.

(III) Daniel Crissey, sixth child and fourth son of John and Sarah (Gaines) Crissey, was born July 11, 1698, at Salem, but removed at an early age to New Hampshire, and from that State to Connecticut in 1740, where all trace of him is lost. He married, Oct. 20, 1720, Sarah Ingleson, of Salem, and they were the parents of the following children: John, mentioned below; Ruth, who died in infancy; Mary Ruth, Sarah, Daniel, Joseph, Elizabeth, Richard, Ebenezer and Anna.

(IV) John (2) Crissey, eldest child of Daniel and Sarah (Ingleson) Crissey, was born at Salem, Mass., in the year 1721, and removed to New Hampshire, where he settled in the town of Bath. From there in 1790 he went to Fairfax, Vt. He was a very religious man and was the leader of the first public service held for worship at Fairfax, in June, 1790. This was held in a log cabin, Mr. Crissey conducting the service, while his son James constituted the choir. John Crissey married Martha Davenport, and they were the parents of the following children: John, James, Gould, Samuel, mentioned below; Nathaniel and Sylvanus. The three last named settled at Stockton, Chautauqua county, N. Y., and Sylvanus eventually removed to the Far West.

(V) Samuel Crissey, son of John (2) and Martha (Davenport) Crissey, was born March 2, 1771, in Vermont, and at an early age came with his two brothers, Nathaniel and Sylvanus, to Stockton, Chautauqua county, N. Y., where his death occurred March 1, 1848. In 1815, he is recorded as having taken up 100 acres of land, and in the following year located his home in the northern part of Stockton, on lot No. 30, which comprised about 160 acres of wild land. This tract Mr. Crissey cleared and improved, and there carried on agricultural operations during the remainder of his life. Like his father, he was a deeply religious man, and was one of the founders of the Baptist church at Delanti, where he on occasion filled the pulpit in place of a regularly ordained minister. He married, in the year 1799, Lucy Grosvenor, and they were the parents of the following children: Almira, who became the wife of Ethan Cooley, who bore him a child who died in early youth; Harlow, mentioned below; Jason, who married Roxana Winsor, a daughter of the Rev. Washington Winsor, by whom he had four children: Mary, Sardis, Jirah, Edward; Lucy, who became the wife of Chauncy Winsor, of Delanti, to whom she bore two children, Wealthy Ann and Washington; Cynthia, who became the wife of Zalmon Jennings, and removed to Pennsylvania; Martha, who died at the age of twelve years; Samuel, who married Julia Grant, by whom he had three children, Lucy, Forest, Myra.

(VI) Harlow Crissey, son of Samuel and Lucy (Grosvenor) Crissey, was born Dec. 18, 1802, at Fairfax, Vt., and went as a child with his parents to Stockton, N. Y., where his death occurred April 30, 1892. He married, Nov. 2, 1826, Anna Shepard, born in Ashfield, Mass., March 29, 1807. Children: Newton, a sketch of whom follows; Samuel S., mentioned in sketch of Jay Crissey, which follows; Seward M., mentioned in sketch of Miner S. Crissey, which follows; and Elverton B., of this review, mentioned below. (A complete sketch of Harlow Crissey follows this in the work).

(VII) Elverton B. Crissey, son of Harlow and Anna (Shepard) Crissey, was born June 23, 1843, at Stockton, Chautauqua county, N. Y., and died at Jamestown, Feb. 29, 1908. As a lad he attended the public schools of his native place and Fredonia Academy. After completing his studies at the last-named institution, Mr. Crissey followed for a time the profession of teaching in the schools at Stockton and Brocton, N. Y., and Marengo, Ill. He removed in the spring of 1870 to Missouri, where he purchased a tract of land at King City, near St. Joseph, and made his home there for seven years. Mr. Crissey developed a strong affection for Missouri and this remained with him undiminished until the close of his life. He took an active part in public affairs in that community, and held the office of county assessor. Later, however, Mr. Crissey returned to Brocton, N. Y., and there for a time resumed his old profession of teaching, but, feeling that a larger opportunity awaited him in business, eventually gave this up and removed to Sinclairville, where he established a mill and conducted that for a time. In 1882, in association with Joy Love, he organized a bank, under the firm name of E. B. Crissey & Company, bankers. This was his first introduction to banking, a

line which he continued to follow uninterruptedly, and with the highest degree of success, from that time until his death. In 1890 he organized another bank, at Cherry Creek, N. Y., and made his home at that place for about twelve months. It was in 1891 that he first came to Jamestown, where he organized the Farmers and Mechanics Bank and started it on its progress to a prosperous development. He withdrew from that organization, however, in order to organize the Union Trust Company of Jamestown, and a few years later sold his interest in the latter institution to accept the office of president of the Farmers and Mechanics Bank, which he himself had founded some years before. This institution he continued at the head of until his death, and under his most capable management it grew to be one of the leading organizations of its kind in the county. In addition to the banks organized by himself, Mr. Crissey was also affiliated with a number of other financial institutions, among which should be mentioned the Cherry Creek Bank and the First National Bank at Falconer. He also organized the banking firm of E. B. Crissey & Company at South Dayton, and the private bank of Crissey & Crissey, at Little Valley, N. Y., which was later managed by his son, Harlow J. Crissey.

Mr. Crissey has enjoyed, with justice, a reputation as one of the most successful organizers and executives in this region of the State, and during his life was regarded as the leading financial authority here. He was also exceedingly active in the public affairs of the community, and held a number of important offices in the gift of the town, including a membership on the Board of Public Works, in which he rendered invaluable service to Jamestown. He was public-spirited in a high degree, and was a liberal contributor to all worthy objects connected with the betterment of civic affairs, and was especially generous to the Associated Charities, which he aided in organizing and in which he always held office. Mr. Crissey was independent in his religious and political views, and was not affiliated formally with any church or political institution. He was a member of the local lodges, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and was a well known figure in social and fraternal circles here. He was a man of profound learning and the broadest culture, taking a keen interest in literature and other forms of art, and he was the possessor of a splendid library in which he found his chief recreation. His record as an organizer is practically unique in Western New York, and in the last thirty years of his life he founded no fewer than seven banks, and at the time of his death was in control of four large and prosperous financial institutions. In spite of this fact, he had no especial ambition to become wealthy, and a tale is told of him characteristic of his public spirit. It appears that on one occasion a friend suggested to him that it would be easier for him and probably bring in larger returns to make impersonal investments in general securities, rather than in individual loans, to which Mr. Crissey replied: "My business is not first of all to make money; it is to do good in this community." He retained in a remarkable degree his youthful energies and point of view to the last of his life, a fact which is attributed by the many who

knew and admired him, to his always preserving his interest in others, so that his activities always contained a large element of altruism. He possessed an unusually positive character, but at the same time a delightful personality, and his companionship was regarded as a boon by all who knew him. So strong was his sense of justice and the rights of others that he never pressed home an advantage which ran counter to the interests of others, and he often was willing to suffer personal loss rather than transgress his own exceedingly high standards of right.

Elverton B. Crissey was united in marriage, Jan. 2, 1867, at Sinclairville, N. Y., with Mary Langworthy, born there March 29, 1844, a daughter of Jacob and Cornelia (Love) Langworthy, and a member of an old and distinguished New York family. The Love family came from Vermont to New York in the person of John Love, who settled at Sinclairville, where he married. His daughter, Cornelia Love, was born at Gerry, N. Y., and died Dec. 24, 1891, at the age of seventy-five years and eight months. She married Jacob Langworthy and was the mother of Mrs. Crissey. Jacob Langworthy was born in Washington county, N. Y., Sept. 30, 1806, and died Oct. 4, 1883. He was the son of James and Rhode (Shaw) Langworthy, and came to Chautauqua county, N. Y., when a youth of eighteen. He purchased here a farm of 200 acres, situated about a mile and a half west of Sinclairville, where he carried on the occupation of farming with much success until the close of his life. He was a man of very high character and enjoyed the affection and respect of the entire community. He married, March 6, 1834, Cornelia Love, and they were the parents of the following children: Ellen, who died at the age of fifteen; John, died April 19, 1896; Janet, died at the age of eleven; Mary, who became the wife of Elverton B. Crissey, as mentioned above; Lewis, of Cherry Creek; Emily, who died at the age of twenty-two months; and Charles, who died at the age of thirty-three years. Jacob Langworthy's father, James Langworthy, came from Washington county, N. Y., where he had been a successful farmer, to Chautauqua county, a few years before his death, and made his home here with his children. The children of Elverton B. and Mary (Langworthy) Crissey were as follows: 1. Lena Cornelia, born Jan. 12, 1868; became the wife of Frank Merz, president of the Union Trust Company of Jamestown, to whom she bore the following children: Lucy A., Elizabeth L., Margaret C., and Francis C. 2. Harlow Jacob, born July 15, 1870; now president of the Citizens Trust Company of Fredonia; he married Jessie Blackstone, by whom he had three children as follows: Rachel V., Eleanor V., and Caroline F. 3. Lucy Love, born July 17, 1873; became the wife of Henry P. Robertson, president of the H. P. Robertson Furniture Company of Jamestown; they were the parents of the following children: Mary Crissey, Lucius Elverton. 4. Harold Elverton, born Oct. 26, 1883, now vice-president of the Farmers and Mechanics Bank of Jamestown, of which his father was so long the head. Mrs. Crissey survives her husband and continues to make her home at Jamestown, where she is held in regard by the community.

It will be appropriate to conclude this brief sketch



with some of the resolutions adopted by the boards of directors of the many institutions which owe their origin and prosperity to him, at the time of his death:

By the Farmers' & Mechanics' Bank, of which he was the founder and president: There was about Mr. Crissey a personality which drew men to him, and it was to him they went, in their hours of adversity as in their moments of success. His advice and his encouragement comforted and aided them in their adversity, as did his congratulations cheer them in their success. His love for children was marked; his interest in the young man starting out on life's journey, prompted him to extend much material assistance. He was a believer in men and in all that was characteristic of the man.

By the First National Bank of Falconer: Mr. Crissey was a man of wide experience, rare ability, and one in whom sympathy had to do with judgment. Many a young man, in this community, looks back to the aid and counsel of this man as the starting point of his success.

By the Associated Charities: Realizing keenly our loss of so sincere and practical a friend, we desire to place on record our deep appreciation of his helpful consideration and assistance, and of his willingness, amidst his many duties, to give of his time and ability to the furtherance of the work of this association, in which he was so deeply interested.

In the diary presented by Mr. Crissey to the customers of the bank, he had cause to be printed the following:

He has achieved success who has lived well, laughed often, and loved much; who has gained the respect of intelligent men and the love of little children; who has left the world better than he found it; who has never lacked appreciation of earth's beauty, or failed to express it; who has always looked for the best in others, and given the best he had; whose life is an inspiration, whose memory a benediction.

**HARLOW CRISSEY**—A strong will and a loving, gentle and unselfish nature, firm convictions and a modest spirit, keen intellect and high ideals, marked business ability, and a humble and devout Christian faith and practice, were characteristics of the pioneer of Chautauque county, Harlow Crissey, who was born in Fairfax, Vt., Dec. 18, 1802. Mr. Crissey, speaking at a reunion of the Crissey family at Stockton, N. Y., Aug. 14, 1886, said:

Our family history here represented dates back to 1815, when four families came to Stockton, their whole number then was twenty. Of that number I am the only one left in town to speak from memory. I was then in my thirteenth year, the descendants inheriting the Crissey name at this time numbering seventy-eight. Of these twenty-one are in Stockton, ten in Fredonia, six in Sinclairville, five in Michigan, two in Pennsylvania, three in Washington, D. C., and thirty-one west of Chicago. Of the descendants known by other names there are forty-two, making at this date a total of one hundred and twenty.

Harlow Crissey was the next to the oldest of seven children, three sons and four daughters, of the family of Samuel and Lucy (Grosvenor) Crissey. In the cold season of 1816 Samuel Crissey came with his family to Stockton, taking up 100 acres in the north part of the town, on lot No. 30, where he resided until his death, March 1, 1848, aged seventy-seven. Harlow Crissey had only a few weeks' schooling each winter, and when scarcely yet of age began teaching, among other districts he taught two terms in the town of Charlotte in the Pickett district, where lived Judge Burnell, and in the intervals he assisted his father on the farm. He developed unusual literary ability, and for many years was the correspondent for the "Censor" of Fredonia,

N. Y. His articles, especially of historic reminiscences, were very interesting. Among the best of these was his "Historical Recollections," written on his eightieth birthday. Quoting from his article of that date, Mr. Crissey says:

My grandfather died in my fourth year, I remember his aged look, manly voice, and his death. I remember the great eclipse of the sun in June, 1806, also the cold Friday of 1807-08 is vividly in my mind. A little later I received my anti-slavery impressions when a tall, well built negro, who was stolen from Africa when young, and who had experienced the horrors of cruel slavery, and was released by military enlistment, came to our town. I attended a religious meeting where this Christian man told of his life sufferings. I believed every word he said and from then on never faltered in a desire for the emancipation of the colored race. The War of 1812, as we lived near Canada, deeply effected all classes of people. Most of the first battles were defeats, however there were naval victories on the ocean. I remember on Sunday, September 10, 1814, we distinctly heard the naval battle on Lake Champlain. The spring of 1815 was pleasant and my father, with two of his nephews and their families, arranged to move westward and with horse and ox-teams started on the 20th of June. The wagons were heavy canvasses covered with eight or nine inch tires on the wheels; we passed through many villages and towns, finally coming to Buffalo, which at that time was scarcely anything but a name. We reached Pomfret in about forty days, a distance of about five hundred miles. A partial look over the county, we concluded to make Stockton our home and there located. Then it was a dense forest, scarcely broken. Fredonia, with its few stores and trades, was our main resort. Among the names of the early settlers of that time, I remember, Miller, Kelly, Vial, Bacheller, Thompson, Haywood, Colly and Sackett. Our town grew rapidly, I think the largest number coming in 1823. The absence of a market and money required an economy born of necessity. Fifty bushels of oats for a barrel of salt. Farm laborers got fifty cents per day working from sunrise until sunset. Our minister's salary for the year 1822 was by agreement to be \$85, payable in provisions. The arrival of General Lafayette created universal enthusiasm. He was accorded a grand reception by our military companies. Lafayette's personal appearance was not impressive of a soldier. He was below medium size, dark complexion, thin, hair tinged with white, dressed very plainly, and limped when walking.

In my early memory intoxicating drinks were used by all classes of persons with as little compunction as going to church has now, but from 1829 efforts for the suppression of intoxicating beverages have been unremitting.

Mr. Crissey wrote many articles on various subjects and frequently spoke at old settlers' meetings, his speeches holding many an interested listener. He was a well preserved man of his years, of rare intelligence and great probity of character, a Christian gentleman, greatly respected by a large circle of acquaintances. He was strictly conscientious in his daily life, and a leading member of the Baptist church. Although his school advantages were limited in those early times, yet the influence of his teachings in the rude log school houses of the pioneers will be felt by future generations. Mr. Crissey was first a Whig in politics, and then a Republican. He held various town offices, was justice about 1850, and county supervisor for two terms, 1864-1865.

On Nov. 2, 1826, Harlow Crissey was united in marriage with Anna Shepard at Stockton, N. Y. She was the daughter of Samuel and Rachel (Cobb) Shepard, natives of Massachusetts, who were married June 17, 1768. He was a farmer, and both were members of the Baptist church. Mrs. Crissey was a first cousin of Mary Lyon, the founder of Mt. Holyoke College.

On the evening of Nov. 2, 1886, in the Universalist

church adjoining the Crissey home, was celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of the marriage of Harlow Crissey and wife, (Diamond Wedding). There were upwards of 150 relatives and guests present. Mrs. Crissey was a woman of strong physical and mental temperament, combining an active religious nature; she was the ideal pioneer wife and mother. Her memory of historic persons and places was remarkable, and for years she was an authority on the unwritten history of her county. She was born in Ashfield, Franklin county, Mass., March 29, 1807, and came to Stockton, N. Y., with her parents in 1819. Mrs. Crissey passed away Aug. 28, 1894. Mr. Crissey's demise occurred in 1892. To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Harlow Crissey was born four children: Newton, Samuel S., Seward M., Elverton B..

To such men as Harlow Crissey, who were the old pioneers of Chautauqua county, we cannot pay too much honor, when we realize the hardships they endured in subduing the forests and erecting houses. They were men of strong character, trained amidst hardships, and laid the foundations of our society broad and deep, on enduring principles of righteousness. Mr. Crissey lived to see marvelous changes in civilization, and Chautauqua county people will ever hold in venerated remembrance the pioneer schoolmaster, Harlow Crissey, whose work instilled noble aspirations and righteous principles into their youthful minds.

**NEWTON CRISSEY**, son of Harlow and Anna (Shepard) Crissey (q. v.), was born April 6, 1828. He grew to manhood on the home farm in Stockton, and in the district schools of his native town he received his education. He took up the occupation of farming in Stockton, where he owned and operated a tract of land consisting of 200 acres. He improved this land and made general farming his business, and resided there until 1892, when he moved to Jamestown, N. Y., where he became interested in banking, and was a stockholder and director of the Farmers and Mechanics Bank, which he served as president from 1894 to 1908, when he resigned and retired from active business life. He was a successful man and this was because he was a good manager, and in the community of Stockton he was well known and respected, for he was active in the affairs of the town of Stockton. In his political belief he was a Republican. He was a member of the Baptist church of Stockton until he came to Jamestown; he then united with the First Baptist Church and continued until the Calvary Baptist Church, through his efforts, was organized. He was at one time supervisor of the town, as was his father, Harlow Crissey, many years before him.

Newton Crissey married Cynthia Miller, a daughter of I. R. Miller. She died on May 8, 1896. Mr. and Mrs. Newton Crissey were the parents of four children, one son and three daughters, as follows: Charles Miller, deceased; Anna L.; Mary R.; and Jennie C. Both Anna L. and Mary R. reside on Lakeview avenue, Jamestown. Jennie C. Crissey, the youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Crissey, married S. B. Burchard, of Kankakee, Ill., and now resides in Jamestown, N. Y. Newton Crissey died on May 1, 1914, and was buried at

Lakeview Cemetery, Jamestown. His death was felt as a great loss not only by his many friends and his family, but by the county in which he had resided during his entire life.

**JAY CRISSEY**—For two decades, Jay Crissey, president of the Star Furniture Company, has been identified with the manufacturing interests of Jamestown. He came to the city in 1900, having retired from the profession which had claimed him from the time of his graduation—pedagogy. A successful educator, he has duplicated that success in the business world and holds honorable rank among Jamestown manufacturers. He is a son of Samuel Shepard and Mary A. (Leonard) Crissey, of well known Chautauqua families.

Samuel S. Crissey was born in Stockton, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Aug. 13, 1833, and died July 28, 1911, son of Harlow and Anna (Shepard) Crissey. He was educated in the district schools and Fredonia Academy, and after completing his own education began teaching. Later he engaged in fruit culture, specializing in grapes, becoming a local authority on fruit growing and for seven years serving the Chautauqua County Horticultural Society as secretary. He was a member of the board of trustees of the Baptist church of Fredonia for many years, and the author of a "Centennial History" of that church. That work is an indication of his thoroughness and faithfulness, for it is a historical compilation of ever increasing value as a reference work. He was well and most favorably known as a man of upright life, and his strong, pleasing personality held his friends to him until the end of his useful life.

Samuel S. Crissey married (first) in December, 1859, Mary A. Leonard, who died May 31, 1868, daughter of George V. and Anna Leonard. She left three children: Jay, of further mention; George H., born Dec. 24, 1864; Howard B., born Feb. 22, 1866, died Oct. 11, 1889. Mr. Crissey married (second) Jan. 15, 1871, Mrs. Ella K. Wright, widow of Dr. A. A. Wright, of Fredonia. Their only child to survive infancy was Newton K. Crissey, born July 12, 1873.

Jay Crissey was born in Stockton, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Jan. 15, 1861. He was educated in Fredonia public schools, Fredonia State Normal School, and college summer schools, and for twenty years after graduation was engaged as an educator, nine of those years being spent as principal of Belmont, N. Y., High School; one year as a member of the faculty of Central City Normal School, Chicago, and the remaining years until 1900 as superintendent of schools in Penn Yan, N. Y.

In the year 1900, Mr. Crissey resigned his position as superintendent of schools, and located in Jamestown, taking a position with the Star Furniture Company. Later he was elected president of the company, a position which he has efficiently filled until the present (1921). The company was incorporated in 1901, and the plant removed to its present location, Institute and Briggs streets, where the company has enjoyed a satisfactory degree of prosperity. The company specializes in bedroom furniture, and through perfect equipment and artistic designs has been able to produce furniture which has won a secure place in the trade. The officers



are: Jay Crissey, president; Anna L. Crissey and Mary R. Crissey, vice-presidents; H. P. Robertson, secretary; Scott Baker, treasurer.

Mr. Crissey is a Republican in politics. He is a member of the Masonic order, and the Fraternal Order of Eagles. His clubs are the University, the Saturday Night, and the Norden.

At Fredonia, N. Y., Oct. 15, 1885, Mr. Crissey married Alice M. Brown, born in Montpelier, Vt. They are the parents of five children: Ruth, Mary Lyon, Elsie G., Leonard Phelps, and John Davenport.

**MINER S. CRISSEY**—Now in active charge of the business of Wilcox, Crissey & Company, of Jamestown, N. Y., Mr. Crissey is taking rank with the able business men of the city, and reaping a rich benefit from the experience gained in his twenty-two years of life "on the road," as salesman for the house of which he is now the managing head.

Seward M. Crissey, the third son of Harlow and Anna (Shepard) Crissey (q. v.), was born in Stockton, Chautauqua county, N. Y., April 9, 1839, died in October, 1913. He was a farmer of Stockton, but later became a United States railway clerk, and later moved to Jamestown. He married Lucy A. Wood, of Perrysburg, Cattaraugus county, N. Y., daughter of David Miles Wood, one of the early settlers of that section. They were the parents of two children: Belle, married Frank A. Wilcox, a sketch of whom follows; Miner S., of further mention.

Miner S. Crissey, the only son of Seward M. and Lucy A. (Wood) Crissey, was born at the home farm in Stockton, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Oct. 19, 1872, and was a pupil in the public school, afterwards attending the Fredonia Normal School and the Angola High School. He began business life as a clerk in the bank at Cherry Creek, owned by his uncle, Elverton B. Crissey, which was operated under the firm name, E. B. Crissey & Company. A year later (1891) E. B. Crissey moved to Jamestown, where he organized the Farmers and Mechanics Bank, his nephew, Miner S. Crissey, accompanying him and taking position in the new bank. There he continued until November, 1895, when he withdrew to become a partner in the newly organized firm, Wilcox, Burchard & Company, he taking charge of the bookkeeping department. From that time until the present he has been connected with that firm, but shortly after its organization he went on the road as salesman, so continuing for twenty-two years. The death of his brother-in-law and partner, Frank A. Wilcox, caused a change in the management, Mr. Crissey then becoming the active head of the business. Wilcox, Burchard & Company existed as a firm until 1917, when it was incorporated as Wilcox, Crissey & Company, wholesale grocers, Frank A. Wilcox, president, a post now filled by Miner S. Crissey. He is also a member of the Jamestown Board of Commerce; director of the Farmers and Mechanics Bank, and a director of the Wholesale Grocers Sales Company, Buffalo, N. Y.; director of the Davis Warn Company, Inc., Jamestown, N. Y. His clubs are the Jamestown, Rotary, Chadakoin, and Moon Brook Golf Club, all of Jamestown. In politics he is a Republican and is an attendant of the First Methodist Church.

Mr. Crissey married, in Jamestown, Dec. 27, 1900, Grace Relf, daughter of Orvis A. and Anna (Johnston) Relf, her father a member of the firm, Ford & Relf, piano dealers, of Jamestown. Mr. and Mrs. Crissey are the parents of two children: Anna Pauline, and Relf Seward, both high school students.

**FRANK ALONZO WILCOX**—An adopted son of Chautauqua county, whose business life was spent largely in the city of Jamestown, Frank A. Wilcox won for himself the high regard of his fellowmen, and at his passing bequeathed the memory of a useful, well spent life. Perhaps the following prayer, which he loved and carried with him, illustrates his attitude toward life better than words of eulogy:

Teach me, O Lord, that sixty minutes make an hour, sixteen ounces one pound, and one hundred cents a dollar. Help me so to live that I may lie down at night with a clear conscience, unhaunted by the faces of those to whom I have given pain. Blind me to the faults of others, but reveal to me my own. Keep me young enough to laugh with my children.

And so he lived and so he died, a loving husband and father, a citizen above reproach, a man faithful to every trust, a good friend and neighbor. He was the son of George and Melissa (Tanner) Wilcox, grandson of John Wilcox, born in the State of Vermont, later a resident of New York State, and maternal grandson of Peabody and Roxanna (Farrier) Tanner.

Frank A. Wilcox was born in Angola, Erie county, N. Y., Nov. 22, 1858, and died at his home in the city of Jamestown, N. Y., March 5, 1919. He exhausted the advantages of the village schools, then began business as a clerk in a grocery store at Angola. After graduating from the village retail grocery store, he entered the large wholesale grocery house, Granger & Company, of Buffalo. Later Granger & Company established a branch of their business in Jamestown, making Mr. Wilcox manager of the branch. He had risen rapidly with his house and continued the efficient head of the Jamestown branch until 1895, when he resigned to enter business for himself. He formed a partnership with Seneca B. Burchard, and as Wilcox, Burchard & Company, engaged in the wholesale grocery business in Jamestown, operating very successfully without change of firm, personnel or name until 1917. In that year Mr. Burchard retired from the firm and the business was reorganized and continued as Wilcox, Crissey & Company, Frank A. Wilcox, president. This firm pursued the same plan of operation as its predecessor, and with the good will inherited the virtues and principles which had gained Wilcox, Burchard & Company a recognized place in the market as merchants of enterprise, integrity and sterling worth. Mr. Wilcox continued head of Wilcox, Crissey & Company until his death in the spring of 1919. While his private business was naturally his greatest concern, Mr. Wilcox acquired other important interests. He was a director of the Farmers and Mechanics Bank, director and an early vice-president and member of the wholesale division of the Jamestown Board of Commerce; member of the Wholesale Grocers' Association, and when the great World War laid a burden upon every American he "did his bit" as a member of the Jamestown Council of the United States Food Administration. He was a

regular attendant upon the services of the First Congregational Church, and a generous supporter of all good causes. He was keenly alive to his responsibilities as a citizen and warmly supported all movements for advancing Jamestown's interests. In 1917 Mr. Wilcox underwent surgical treatment which apparently gave him a long lease on life, but his vigorous, active appearance was deceptive, and death came very unexpectedly.

Mr. Wilcox married, June 23, 1889, in Stockton, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Belle Crissey, daughter of Seward Malcolm and Lucy A. (Wood) Crissey. Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox were the parents of a daughter, Genevieve, who after attending Jamestown public schools was a student at Ivy Hall Seminary. She married, March 27, 1920, Harold Rhodes Zimmerman, of Daytona, Fla.

During the hours of the funeral of Frank A. Wilcox, all grocery houses in Jamestown closed their doors in respect for the memory of their fallen friend and business associate. Delegations were present from the various organizations with which Mr. Wilcox had been connected, the entire body of employees of Wilcox, Crissey & Company attending in a body. Resolutions of respect and sympathy were sent Mrs. Wilcox from the wholesale division of the Board of Commerce, the Farmers and Mechanics Bank, and Jamestown Council of the Federal Food Administration.

From the resolutions passed by the Board of Commerce the following quotation is taken:

Mr. Wilcox had many exceptional traits of character, chief of which, as we knew him, were his unswerving honesty and keen desire to have absolute justice done in all transactions to which he was a party. He was always ready to support worthy objects which worked for the betterment of our division, for the Board of Commerce or the city of Jamestown, both morally and financially.

The following tribute is from the Food Administration:

Those associated with him in that important and patriotic work desire to place on record their understanding of his value as an ideal man and citizen, and their appreciation of the sterling qualities which Mr. Wilcox brought into the work of the Food Administration.

At all times he displayed the highest order of patriotism and devotion to his country and the great cause in which our nation was engaged. He hesitated at no sacrifice and always subordinated his personal interests to the necessities of our work. His attitude toward those great questions, which involved humanity and the civilization of the world, was uncompromising. His integrity was unquestioned. His judgment was invaluable and constantly sought with respect to the many perplexing problems which confronted us. He was an inspiration to his associates and held the respect, the admiration and the affection of every one privileged to cooperate with him in this important work. He did much for his country and his fellow citizens, and the world is better for his having lived in it. In his death each of us sustains a personal loss and we mingle our grief with all those who knew and appreciated his sterling worth.

With the duties of his life nobly done his sun has sunk below the horizon, and like strains of sweet music wafted to our ears the precious memories of his rare character will echo forever in our souls.

**GARRETT E. RYCKMAN**—Grape culture and wine making are two industries that have for many years played an important part in the growth and development of Chautauqua county, N. Y., and with them the name of Ryckman is inseparably associated. In fact, the great advance in technical perfection and

increase in magnitude made by these two factors in the life of the community have been due to no single individual to so great an extent as to Garrett E. Ryckman, whose entire life was devoted to these objects and whose indefatigable labors were rewarded by a great personal success which placed him in the front rank of the leaders of industrial activity in the county.

Mr. Ryckman is a member of a family that has long been prominent in the region, and is a grandson of Lawrence F. Ryckman, one of the early settlers of the county. Lawrence F. Ryckman and his forebears were conspicuous in the politics of Eastern New York in pre-Revolutionary times, and one of the family was a member of the commission appointed by King William III to treat with the Iroquois in the effort to gain the friendship of the great confederation of the Six Nations in the wars between the British and French colonists for the control of the mighty empire of the New World. The Ryckmans made their home in the vicinity of Albany, and members of the family held various offices in the government of that city from alderman to mayor. Lawrence F. Ryckman was the first of the name to come from Eastern New York to Chautauqua county, his immigration taking place when the latter region was an almost unbroken wilderness, and to the natural hardships incident to pioneer life were added the necessity of dealing with the fierce and intractable savages who overran this section of the country. He and his wife were the parents of a number of children, as follows: Garrett W., born in 1804; Caroline, born in 1808; Lawrence F., Jr., of further mention; Peter, born in 1814, who lost his life in the service of his country while serving in the Union army in the attack on Fort Fisher.

Lawrence F. Ryckman, Jr., was born in the year 1812, and as a lad came to Fredonia to study at the venerable old institution of the Fredonia Academy which has since become the famous normal school. He learned the trade of clothier as an apprentice of Major Gorham, of Laona, and later removed to Herkimer county and became associated with the woolen mills at Hartford and Clayville, continuing for many years. While at Fredonia, he met Lydia E. Fay, whom he afterwards married, and they were the parents of the following children: Garrett E., of further mention; Lucy F., who became the wife of Henry G. Wilson, of Pasadena, Cal.; Mary E., who became the wife of S. M. Munson, also of Pasadena, Cal.

Lydia E. Fay, the wife of Lawrence F. Ryckman, Jr., was a member of a family who were equally early settlers here and almost equally prominent in connection with grape culture in the county. She was a daughter of Deacon Elijah and Lucy (Belnap) Fay, natives of Westboro, Mass., from which place they came in 1811 and were the first settlers at the place long known as Salem Cross Roads, which afterwards became the town of Brocton. The farm which Mr. Fay owned was the site of the present town, and it was there that grape growing may be said to have commenced for Chautauqua county. It was the good deacon who first discovered the adaptability of the soil for this fruit, and in 1824 planted the first vineyard in this part of the State. In the course of an article on the grape industry prepared for a recent history of the county by



Garrett E. Ryckman the following occurs regarding the part played by Deacon Fay:

The life of a pioneer was not an easy one, and Deacon Fay doubtless longed for many of the comforts he had left behind. Recollecting that the native Fay grape vines flourished in great profusion on the banks of the New England streams, he determined to try the experiment of transplanting in this western wilderness. Procuring a few vines he planted them carefully in front of his cabin and in a short time they had taken root and grew with a vigor that indicated the adaptability of the soil of this section to vine culture.

This incident is mentioned, not because it is important in itself, but because these were the first grape vines planted in Chautauqua county, and for that matter in Western New York, and their planting was the beginning of an industry that in years to come was destined to become one of the important industries of a large and flourishing community. These vines were planted in 1818.

Deacon Elijah Fay was looked up to and honored by all his fellow settlers in the neighborhood on account of his exemplary and pious life. He and his wife were the parents of the following children: Clinton S.; Lydia E., who became Mrs. Ryckman; and Joseph B.

Garrett E. Ryckman was born March 16, 1835, on the old Ryckman farm at Brocton, and during his childhood and youth resided with his maternal grandfather, Deacon Fay. He attended the local district schools and later, for thirteen weeks, was a student at the Fredonia Academy. During his early youth he assisted his grandfather in the work on the latter's farm, and was in charge of the marketing of the apples, pears, peaches and other fruit grown on the property of that notable agriculturist. It was his custom to drive a wagon loaded with fruit, pies and gingerbread and other homemade eatables to the county fairs, regimental brigade musters, and other places of public gathering, both in Chautauqua county and adjacent counties, and there he drove a thriving trade. He thus grew thoroughly acquainted with the best methods of disposing of fruit, and served the best possible apprenticeship for his later activities as a shipper of grapes when that had become so important a business. He also received from his grandfather the closest and most conscientious instruction in the actual growing of grapes which were already becoming the principal product of the farm. The possibilities of wine manufacture were also becoming recognized at about this time, and the years between 1849 and 1852 witnessed the planting of the first commercial vineyards in the section. During this period also the first experiments in wine making were attempted on a commercial scale, and two years later, these having proved eminently successful, the young man himself entered the field in which he was to become a leader. His first attempt was the purchase of a quantity of Isabella and Catawba grapes, which he turned into a few barrels of sweet wine, the quality of which was so exceptionally excellent that his entire product was purchased by local druggists at the price of two dollars a gallon. From that time on he continued in this line, rapidly and steadily increasing the quantity of his production, and never varying his extreme care in attaining the same high quality. So rapid, indeed, was the growth of the enterprise, that, in 1859, Mr. Ryckman associated himself with Capt. Joseph B. Fay and Col. Rufus Haywood and built the Brocton wine cellars. Of this venture Mr. Ryckman's

account in the article already quoted from will give the best and most adequate idea. Says Mr. Ryckman:

The first epoch of the wine industry may be said to date from the year 1859 when the Brocton wine cellars were built by Joseph B. Fay, Rufus Haywood and the writer, and the manufacture of wine commenced on a larger scale under the firm name of Fay, Ryckman and Haywood. The cellars which occupied the same site as the present cellars were originally built thirty by fifty feet in size with sub-cellar, each of these cellars were ten feet in depth and they were as a whole of ample size to care for all the grapes grown at that time. The first year after the completion of the cellars two thousand gallons of wine were made and the manufacture increased year by year until in 1865 there were in store thirty-seven thousand gallons.

It is estimated that at the time of the completion of the wine cellars in 1859 there were about twenty acres of bearing vineyard in the town of Portland. This acreage, of course, increased rapidly, although there was some opposition to growing grapes for wine making purposes, and it was not until the operations of 1865 and a few years following that this opposition practically disappeared.

The Brocton wine cellars were sold in 1865 to the Lake Shore Wine Company, which instituted a period of high prices which, although ruinous to the company, were, as Mr. Ryckman remarks, most fortunate for the industry as a whole since they stimulated grape growing to an enormous extent among the farmers of the county, all anxious to share the great profits to be had. After various vicissitudes, which witnessed the rise and fall of a number of companies, although the industry of wine making on the whole steadily increased, the wine cellars finally found their way back into the possession of Mr. Ryckman, who all this time, by his prudence and conservatism, had exercised a steady influence upon what had at times tended to become a decidedly imprudently speculative enterprise, and is now owned by the firm of G. E. Ryckman & Son. Their original capacity has been greatly added to and today they have a capacity of above 500,000 gallons, while the amount of wine actually manufactured there has exceeded 300,000 gallons yearly for several years.

Mr. Ryckman had not by any means confined his activities to wine making, however, but had also entered the field of grape culture and the shipment of the fruit in its original form to the great markets of the country. In this field he was no less successful, and to his efforts in a large measure is due the country-wide acquaintance with the delicious fruit grown in Chautauqua county. He has exhibited his grapes at many important fairs and expositions, including the World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago, the Pan-American at Buffalo, and the World's Fair at St. Louis, besides numerous smaller and local fairs, and has always won notable awards and prizes for the splendid quality of his fruit. He was the first exporter of grapes from the Chautauqua grape belt to England, where he shipped 200 baskets in 1880.

Mr. Ryckman's public spirit did not allow him to remain aloof from the public affairs of the community of which he has been so great a benefactor, and although quite unambitious of public office for himself, it has always been his effort to place worthy officials for the posts of public responsibility and trust. He is a Republican in political belief and has always worked for the advancement of his party in the region. As a child and young man he was a Baptist in religious belief, but later joined the Methodist church, of which he has al-

ways been liberal in his support. Mr. Ryckman is a Mason, having joined Forest Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, as a young man. He is now a member of Lake Shore Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of Brocton, and has also been prominent in founding the various Masonic bodies of higher degree at Dunkirk, and Ismailia Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Buffalo. He is a member of the Grange and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He was largely instrumental in organizing the village of Brocton, and received the distinction of being unanimously elected its first president, April 17, 1894.

Garrett E. Ryckman was united in marriage, Dec. 29, 1875, with Jennie A. Reynolds, whose ancestry is given at length in the sketch of W. W. Pettit, elsewhere in this work, and by whom he has had two children, as follows: 1. Lawrence R., born Oct. 26, 1876; he married Pearl Winchester in November, 1900, and they are the parents of five children: Elizabeth Ruth, born Sept. 17, 1901; Lucy Carrol, born Dec. 25, 1903; Isabell, born July 20, 1905, died Aug. 1, 1906; Gerry and Edgar. 2. Ruth E., born in January, 1884.

**HARRY SAMUEL CORNELL**—The Cornell family of Chautauqua, of which Harry S. Cornell is representative, have long been identified with the town of Chautauqua, its agricultural and business interests. The pioneer Cornell in Chautauqua county was John W. Cornell, a son of Walter Cornell, of Washington county, N. Y., a successful, substantial farmer, a breeder of fine cattle, particularly oxen, some of which weighed 4,000 pounds and which he sold in New York at the rate of one dollar per pound. Walter Cornell was a man of prominence in his county, and represented his district in the New York Legislature.

John W. Cornell, son of Walter Cornell, came from Washington to Chautauqua county, in 1835, and purchased a large strip of land at Bemus Point, which he later sold and bought lands at Chautauqua and Mayville. He farmed extensively and was also engaged in lumbering. He married Anna Durfee, and they were the parents of William J., of whom further.

William J. Cornell, son of John W. and Anna (Durfee) Cornell, was born in the town of Chautauqua, Chautauqua county, N. Y., Feb. 1, 1858. He was educated in the public schools of Chautauqua and Mayville, finishing at Mayville High School. In early manhood he was his father's farm assistant, but later was in charge of the oil lights of Chautauqua. In 1875 he established a row boat fleet at Chautauqua, which he conducted profitably until 1890, when the Chautauqua Institution bought his boats and business. He then established a shop on the Chautauqua grounds for the sale of souvenirs, engraved glass, Oriental and art goods, the many visitors at Chautauqua during the summer supplying him with appreciative buyers. On July 5, 1897, he was appointed postmaster of Chautauqua, a position he held continuously until 1907. He then, in association with his son, Harry S. Cornell, organized the W. J. Cornell Ice Company, and ten years later (1917) purchased land near the entrance to the grounds of the Chautauqua Institution, and erected a store building and a garage. He opened a general store

in the building, which he has since operated, and has made a success of both store and garage. He is an able, successful business man, but knows how to play, and has made fifteen hunting and fishing trips to the States of Wyoming and Maine. He is a member of the Masonic order, affiliating with Peacock Lodge, No. 696, Free and Accepted Masons, of Mayville. He is a sir knight of Jamestown Commandery, Knights Templar, a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and in politics a Republican. He married Laura A. Little, daughter of Samuel Little, who for seventeen years was a harbor master at Erie, Pa. Later Samuel Little built a harbor for the United States government at Onekama, Mich. William J. and Laura A. (Little) Cornell are the parents of three children: Harry Samuel, of whom further; Lawrence Robert, manager of the Hotel Athenaeum at Chautauqua, N. Y., and the Rumsey Inn at Westfield, N. Y.; Ethel Margaret, married Charles F. Strasmer, Jr., of Buffalo, N. Y.

Harry Samuel Cornell, son of William J. and Laura A. (Little) Cornell, was born at Chautauqua, N. Y., Sept. 5, 1883. He was educated in Mayville public schools, finishing in high school. He then pursued a business course of study at Bryant & Stratton's College, Buffalo, N. Y., and after graduation was for eight years assistant postmaster at Chautauqua, after which he engaged in oil and gas well drilling, continuing as a contractor in that line for several years, operating in the States of New York, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Illinois. After leaving the oil fields he engaged in the real estate business in Pittsburgh, Pa., continuing until 1910, when he returned to his home in Chautauqua, and engaged in farming, cultivating and managing about 600 acres. He specializes in dairy farming and in the raising of cattle, his preference being for the Holstein strain, of which he has some fine specimens of pure blood. In 1907 he joined with his father in organizing the W. J. Cornell Ice Company, with plant at Chautauqua, the business of that company being the supplying of a large trade in wholesale quantities.

Harry S. Cornell is a member of Peacock Lodge, No. 696, Free and Accepted Masons, of Mayville, his father also affiliating with that lodge. In politics he is a Republican.

Mr. Cornell married, in Sherman, N. Y., Nov. 23, 1905, Mary Miller, of that town. Mr. and Mrs. Cornell are the parents of four children: Robert W., Harold M., M. Adelaide, and George L.

**VERNON A. KENT**, who was for many years associated with the firm of Herman L. Kent & Company in the operation of the Westfield Paper Mills, and is now living retired from active business at that place, is a native of Westfield, born Jan. 17, 1866, and the youngest son of Lucian H. and Mary Fay (McEwen) Kent, old and highly respected residents here.

The grandfather of Mr. Kent was Moses Kent, a native of Dorset, Vt., who in 1822 removed from that State to St. Lawrence county, N. Y., together with his wife and family. The journey was made by ox-team through what was practically a wilderness, and the little party encountered many perils and hardships as they



traveled in the middle of a severe winter through a most unfriendly and austere country, their course being taken over what was known as the Port Kent road. Moses Kent and his wife, Jerusha Kent, were the parents of a number of children, among whom was Lucian H. Kent, father of the Mr. Kent of this sketch.

Lucian H. Kent was born at Dorset, Vt., and accompanied his parents on their hazardous journey through the forests of Northern New York. His early youth was spent in St. Lawrence county, where he had practically no educational advantages, but being of an ambitious and energetic temperament, he secured an academic education at Pottsdam, N. Y., after attaining his majority. In 1857 he removed to French Creek township, Chautauqua county, and purchased a farm of 300 acres, situated about half way between Clymer and the Marvin postoffice. In the spring of 1862, he removed to Westfield, where he became the owner of what has since been the old Kent homestead, where he passed the remainder of his life. He was a man of scholarly tastes and for more than half a century was a devoted student, not only of the best literature but of many scientific and philosophical subjects. He was exceedingly fond of nature, and in all probability chose the occupation of farming because it brought him into such close touch therewith. The rural environment made a strong appeal to his exceedingly poetic nature, and it was from these homely surroundings that he derived in a large measure his inspiration for a number of poems written by him. These were published later in a small volume entitled "Sunshine and Storm," and include a number of very charming compositions. Among these should be mentioned especially one entitled "The Love of Life," which perhaps more completely than any other expressed his wholesome outlook:

#### THE LOVE OF LIFE.

I love to live because the skies  
In beauty from above  
Shed down their light from Paradise,  
In forms of mildest love.

I love to live where truth's bright beams  
Can reach the awful shade,  
That wilful falsehood here can form  
In light which God has made.

Mr. Kent's life was passed during the close of the nineteenth century, and he was always keenly interested in the great social and political problems of his day. His death occurred March 9, 1900, after a long and exceedingly useful life. He married, June 9, 1849, Mary Fay McEwen, the eldest daughter of Deacon George McEwen, of Lawrence, N. Y. They celebrated their golden wedding, June 9, 1899, at the old home in Westfield, at which all the living members of the family were present.

Vernon A. Kent was born in Westfield, Jan. 17, 1866, and as a lad attended the Westfield Academy and Union School, and graduated from the University of the State of New York in 1882. As a young man he engaged in a retail business at No. 13 Main street, Westfield, continuing for several years, and at the same time gave some attention to farming and the growing of grapes. He later became associated with the management of the Westfield Paper Mills, but finally retired from active business in order to devote his time more completely to the many interests which he had in life and especially

to his participation in the public affairs of the community. He was always keenly interested from the time he left school, in local affairs, and has been one of the most prominent figures in the Republican party in this region. He was elected a member of the Board of Trustees of Westfield when but twenty-four years of age, and served in that capacity for three years, being twice appointed chairman of the finance committee during that time. In 1894, he was elected chairman of the Chautauqua County Republican Committee, and his work in that office was largely instrumental in securing a Republican majority of more than 7,500 votes in the political campaign of that year. In 1898, he was appointed postmaster of the town of Westfield by President McKinley, and was reappointed to the office by President Roosevelt in 1902. During his incumbency the postoffice department was greatly improved and made fully adequate to the needs of the community, and his conduct of this important office has met with the approval of his fellow-citizens of all parties. In his religious belief, Mr. Kent is a member of the Presbyterian church, and he has always been a liberal supporter thereof. He is affiliated with the Masonic order, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Royal Arcanum, the Protective Home Circle, and the Knights of Pythias, and is past presiding officer of the last mentioned body and a member of its Grand Lodge. In 1902, he held the office of secretary of the committee on exhibits for the centennial celebration of Chautauqua county, and it was largely owing to his devoted efforts that this affair was the great success that it proved to be. He was also the independent Republican candidate for Congress for his district in 1918, being urged to accept this nomination by his many friends, although he had not himself any ambition for political preferment.

During the World War, Mr. Kent was most prominent in the work pertaining thereto, was chairman of the third and fourth Liberty Loan committees of the county, and was prominent in Red Cross work, in conservation of food, etc. He was chairman of the Westfield Township Welcome Home Committee, which gave a big celebration upon their return.

Vernon A. Kent married (first) March 12, 1885, the youngest daughter of William H. Arnold, of Portland, N. Y. Three children were born of this union, as follows: 1. Clara, who was educated at the Mayville Grammar School, Westfield Academy, and later at the New York University; she became the wife of James Douglass, a prominent business man of Westfield, and they are the parents of one child, Mary Louise. James Douglass is a son of W. R. Douglass, one of the old settlers here. 2. Emma, who was also educated at the Mayville Grammar School, the Westfield Academy, and New York University; she became the wife of Dr. L. J. Brown, who is mentioned at length elsewhere in this work, and they are the parents of two children, Martha and Kent. 3. Marian, educated in the Mayville Grammar School, Westfield Academy, and the New York University, and now resides with her parents. Vernon A. Kent married (second) Sept. 9, 1910, Bessie Koontz, a widow; she was born in Union City, Ind., her parents old settlers there. They moved to Springfield, Ohio, during her early years. She has a fine education, obtaining a college degree.



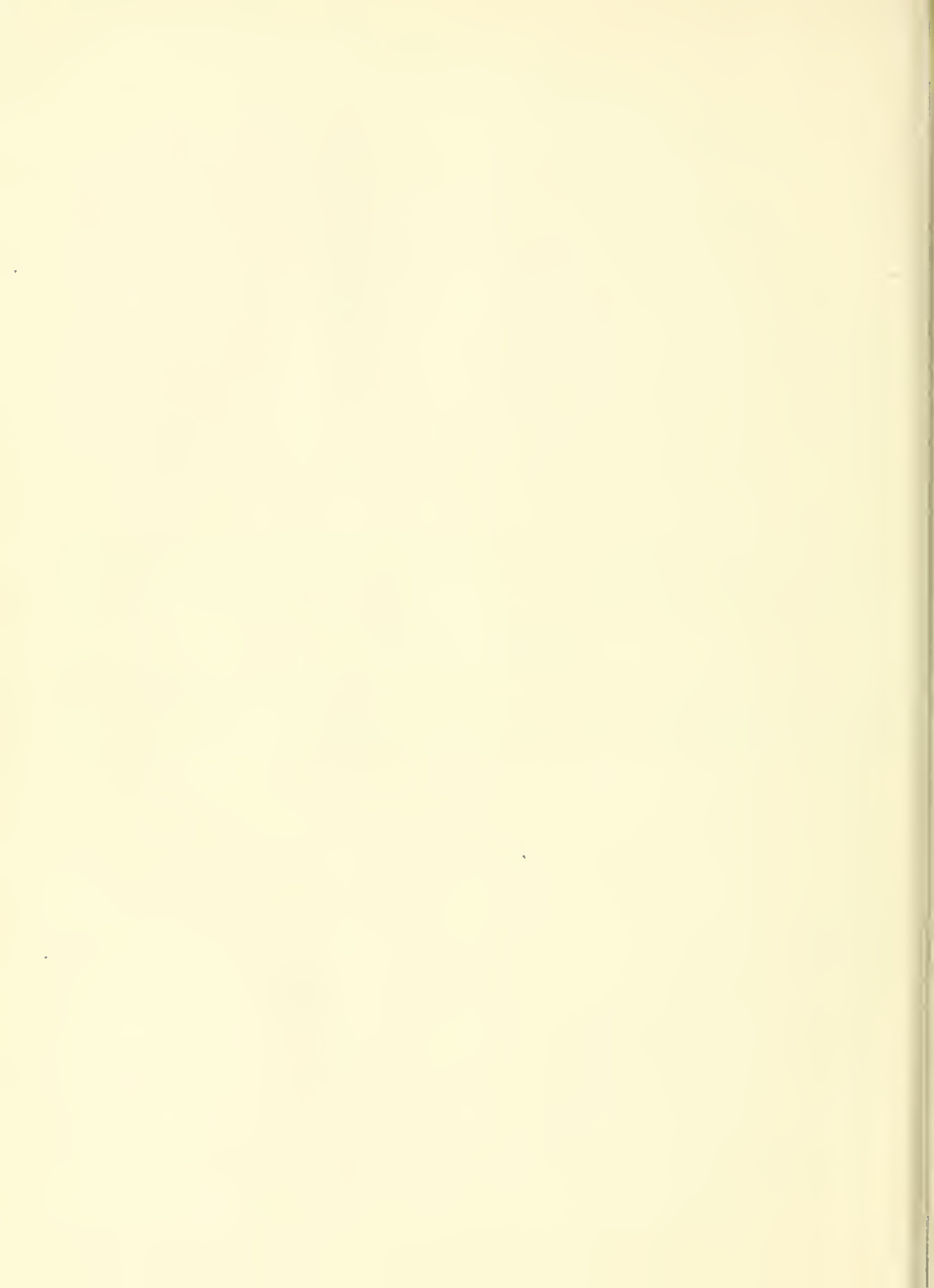
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- Cushing, p. 355, 1st col., 2nd par., Milton B. Cushing was a paymaster in the United States Navy (not Army), and served as such all through the Civil War, and after until ill health caused his retirement.
- Cushing, p. 357, 2nd col., 2nd line, should be fertility of invention in place of futility of invention.
- Gifford, p. 7, 2nd col., 7th par., Horace L. should be Horace H.

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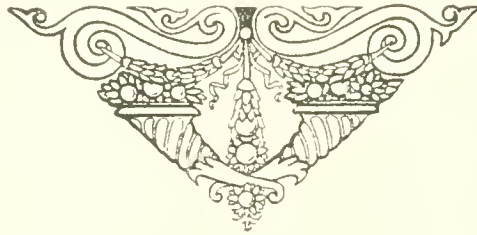


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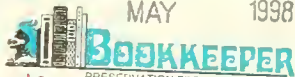






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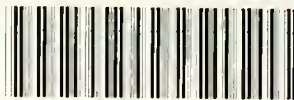
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